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Five years ago, an apartment complex in Machida became a scene of carnage when dozens of people were found dead--ripped apart into chunks. The government never fully explained what had taken place there, and in the following years the event simply came to be known as the Machida Incident. Then Tokyo was rocked by several earthquakes, which subsequently gave rise to demons that couldn't be killed with bullets. A secret police team known as TOKKO, with its sword-wielding members who are all survivors of the Machida Incident, is possibly the only defense the humankind has against the flesh-eating monsters.

TOKYO TACHIKAWA 12:20 A.M.
ボーー
WELL, WELL, WELL...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE SO LATE AT NIGHT? IS THAT YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM YOU'RE WEARING?
DID YOU MISS YOUR TRAIN?

DON'T WORRY! I'M NOT UP TO ANY-THING HERE.
I HAVE AN IDEA! WHY DON'T YOU COME TO A KARAOKE BOX WITH ME?
NOPE.
BUT IT'S DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO BE HERE ALONE.
I CAN GIVE YOU SOME MONEY IF YOU WANT...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SNFF SNFF
HUH? R-REALLY?!
I'LL GO WITH YOU FOR 40,000 YEN.
We can sing and then have sex. ♡
WOW! I'M SO HAPPY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M AT A PLACE LIKE THIS WITH A YOUNG, FRESH GIRL LIKE YOU!
TALK ABOUT GETTING LUCKY!
ZZZIP

...YOU'RE REALLY CUTE.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
MAYU.
SNFF SNFF SNFF
MAYU-CHAN. I SEE. A CUTE NAME FOR A CUTE GIRL.
And it sounds so delicious
BUT, GEE...
kiss
HYPER DAN
I CAN'T RESIST A CUTE GIRL LIKE YOU.
FRESH LOOKING SKIN.
PLUMP LIPS.
WHEN I SEE LEGS LIKE YOURS...
CRK
CRK CRCK
...I START DROOLING.
CRCK
BECAUSE I JUST WANT TO...
...EAT YOU UP!

JACKPOT! LOOKS LIKE WE FOUND ONE, ONII-CHAN!
YEAH, I KNOW.
HEE HEE!
I KNEW IT.
HUH?
LOOKS LIKE WE CAN FINALLY EAT.
...SO WE THOUGHT WE'D INVESTIGATE. BUT I KNEW IT WAS PHANTOMS LIKE YOU.
WE'D HEARD THAT SEVERAL SCHOOLGIRLS HAD GONE MISSING AROUND HERE...
Ouch!
AAAAAGGHH!

HUH? EAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! WHO ARE YOU KIDS?!
GRIN
WE'RE PHANTOM HUNTERS.
HUH? PHANTOM HUNTERS?
What's that?
HEY! WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
My brain is mixing with the blood from my nose! It feels weird!
WE HAVEN'T EATEN IN A LONG TIME. I'M GOING TO ENJOY THIS.
!
!!

PHANTOMS CAN BE DEADLY, BUT THEY HAVE THE SWEETEST-TASTING MEAT.
GRIN
AAAAGGHHH!
AH... AGH...
NO, STOP IT! MY BRAIN'S COMING OUT OF MY NOSE! I NEED... I NEED...
HUH? MEAT?! YOU'RE GOING TO EAT ME?!

EPISOD
WE BIT

POP
CRACK
WOW! 80,000 YEN. HE HAD MORE THAN I EXPECTED.
PRETTY GOOD FOR ONE LITTLE PHANTOM.
WITH THIS MUCH CASH, WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT FOOD FOR A WHILE.
SNAP
POKE
ONE...
... TWO ...
... THREE ...
IT'S DONE, ONII-CHAN.
CRACK
WELL, THEN LET'S EAT.

CHAMPION
CATCH!
YAAAAAAH!

ONII-CHAN...
IS THERE ANY POINT TO EATING LOW-LEVEL PHANTOMS?
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
NOT BAD FOR AN OLD PHANTOM. I THOUGHT HE MIGHT BE PAST HIS PRIME...
LABEL: MAYONNAISE
LABEL: SOY SAUCE
EVEN IF THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO JUMP OR REVIVE... IF THERE'S EVEN A POSSIBILITY THAT WE CAN ABSORB THEIR POWER...
...THEN WE CAN BECOME STRONGER.
AS LONG AS THEY HAVE POWER.

YOU REMEMBER, DON'T YOU?
THE ONE WE SAW IN MACHIDA...
CHEW
THE ONE WE FOUND...
...EATING OUR PARENTS...
...AT OUR HOUSE.

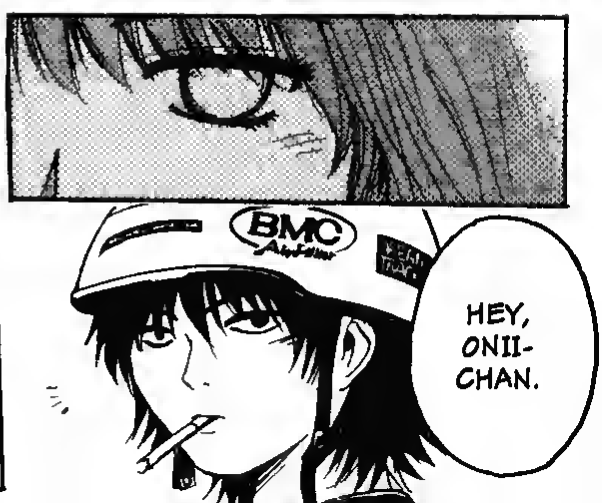
HEY, MA-YU.
IT'S TIME FOR DIN-NER.
WE'RE GOING TO EAT THIS MONSTER...
...THAT ATE DAD AND MOM.
THAT'S WHEN OUR BATTLE BEGAN.
WE EAT THEM, ABSORB THEIR POWER...
...AND EAT MORE.

WE DO THIS IN ORDER TO SURVIVE.
CHEW CHEW
AND A PEDOPHILE PHANTOM WHO LOVES SCHOOL-GIRLS...
...PROBABLY DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING USEFUL.
I MEAN, LET'S BE SERIOUS. THE PHANTOMS WE'VE BEEN EATING LATELY HAVEN'T GIVEN UP ANYTHING.
I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT...
...AS LONG AS THERE'S A POSSIBILITY TO OBTAIN NEW POWER.
IT'S FINE IF THEY'RE LOW-LEVEL...
EVEN IF THE MONSTER HAS AN AMAZING POWER, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT WE'LL ABSORB IT.
...ABSORBING THEIR POWER IS LIKE PLAYING THE LOTTERY, RIGHT?

HUH?
DID YOU LISTEN TO A SINGLE THING I SAID? LOW-LEVEL PHANTOM OR NOT, THERE'S ALWAYS A POSSI-BILITY.
WE EAT ENOUGH OF THESE BASTARDS, WE'LL EVENTUALLY HIT THE JACKPOT.
OH, I FEEL A NEW POWER COMING ON!
WHAT DID I TELL YOU?
I THINK THIS ONE'S GOING TO BE SOME-THING REALLY GOOD!
ポ
WHAT THE HELL?! WHY IS A VIBRATOR GROWING OUT OF ME?!
WHAT SORT OF PERVY POWER IS THAT?! DAMMIT! THAT STUPID PHANTOM!

LET'S GO, MAYU!!
FUCK THIS. STARTING TONIGHT, WE'RE LOOKING FOR STRONGER PHANTOMS. NO MORE OF THIS LOW-LEVEL SHIT.
FUCKING DILDO TRIES TO GROW OUT OF MY HAND... NO MORE OF THAT! IT'S TIME WE STARTED RACKING UP SOME REAL GODDAMN POWERS.

HOW LONG ARE WE...
...GOING TO LIVE LIKE THIS?


BMC
HEY, ONII-CHAN.

FIGHTING...
...THEM.
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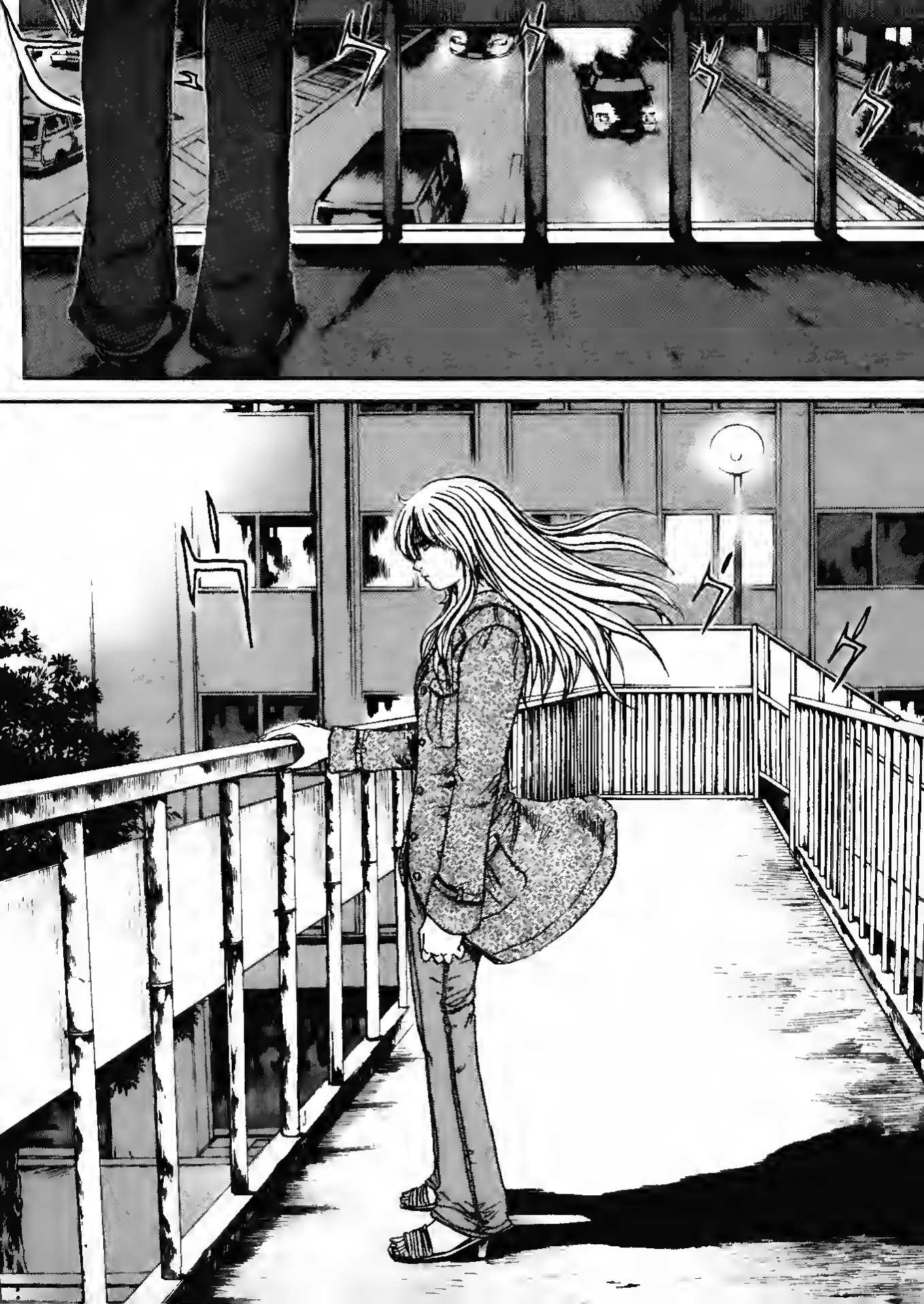
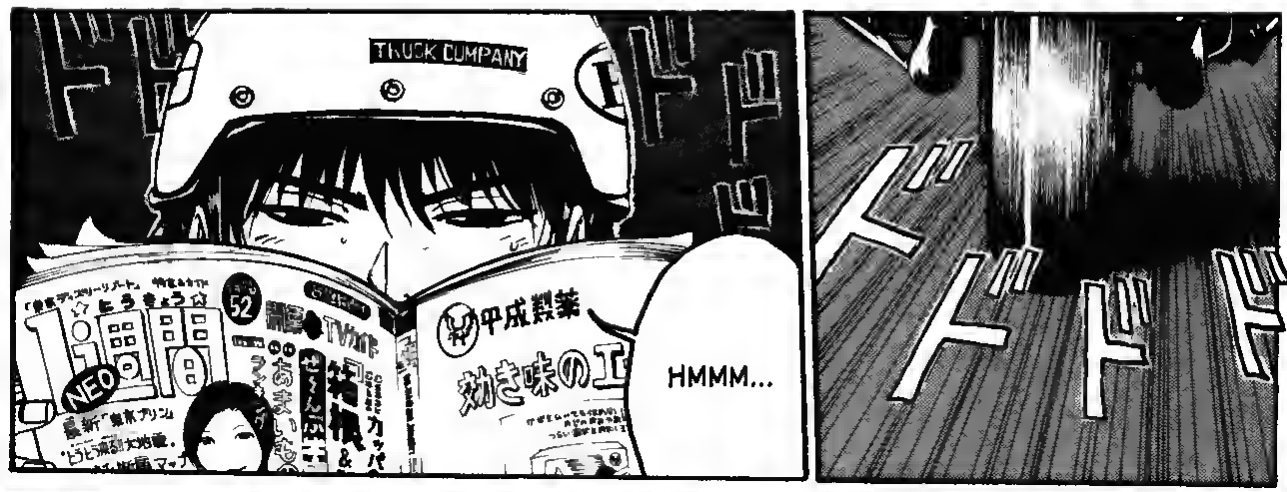
HEY NOW. DON'T LOSE HEART.
THIS WILL ALL END SOON ENOUGH.

ride
...BY EATING EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM.

I'LL GET STRONG...

.....
YEAH.
GOT IT?
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT. WE JUST HAVE TO EAT THEM ALL!
THAT'S MY GIRL. HEY, HOW ABOUT SOME ICE CREAM?
THERE'S A GOOD PLACE NEAR HERE.
REALLY? LET'S GO!



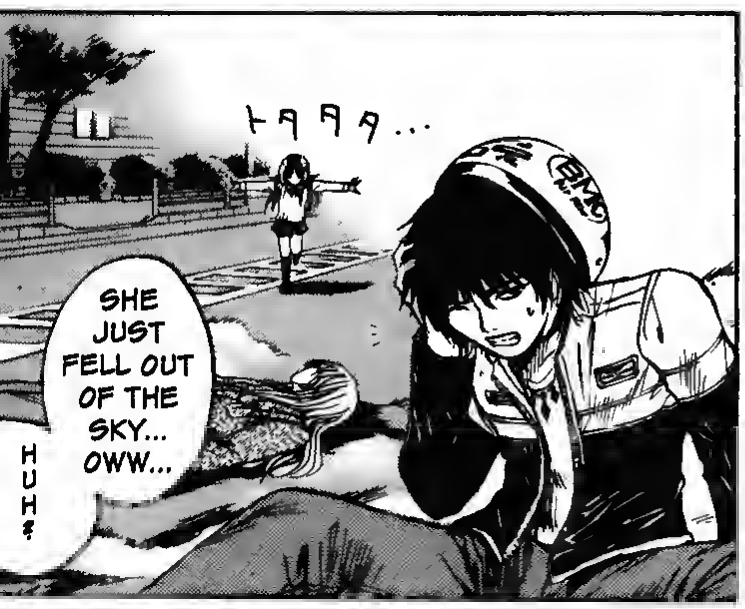

TRUCK COMPANY
HMMM...

HURRY AND FIND IT! I MUST HAVE ICE CREAM AND I MUST HAVE IT NOW!
MESSAGE RECEIVED, YOUR HIGHNESS. NOW SIT STILL.
NOT REALLY, BUT IT SHOULD BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE.
DID YOU FIND THE ICE CREAM PLACE?

ASIAN
OKAY, SO WE'RE HEADING NORTH FROM THE STATION, RIGHT?
I THINK IF WE TURN RIGHT AT THE NEXT LIGHT...
!
ONII-CHAN, SOME-ONE JUMPED OFF!
HUH?
!!

BONK

WOOA!
HOO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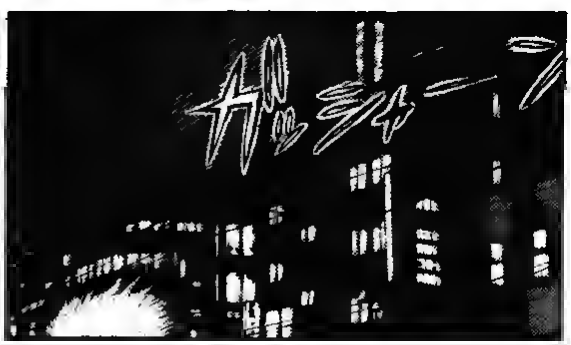
SHE JUST FELL OUT OF THE SKY... OWW...
HUH?



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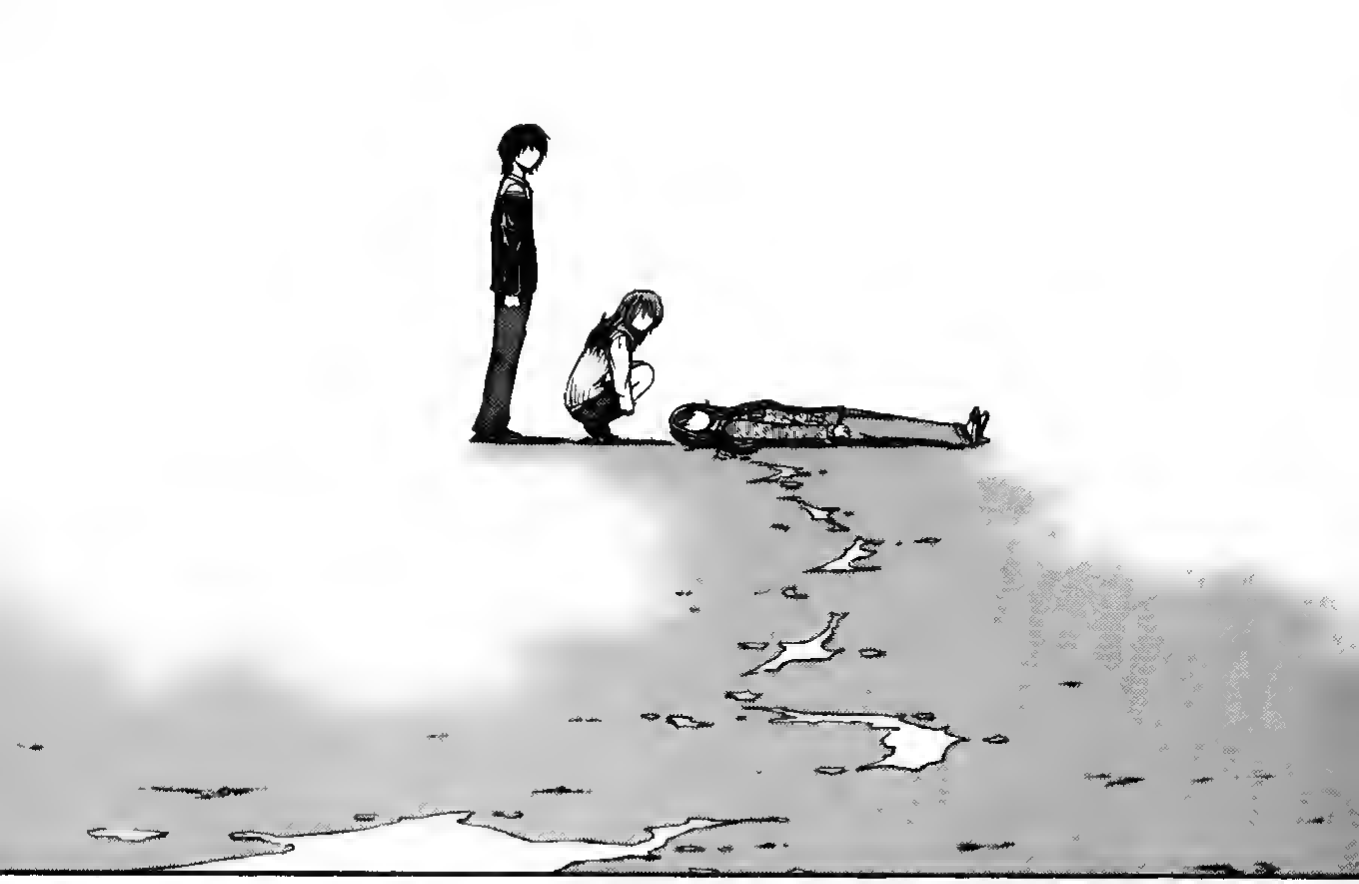
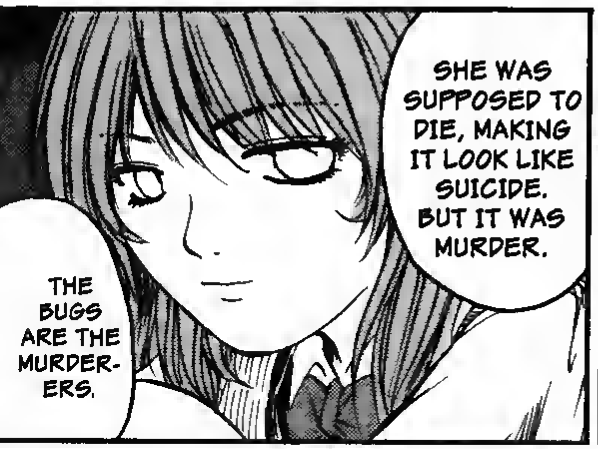
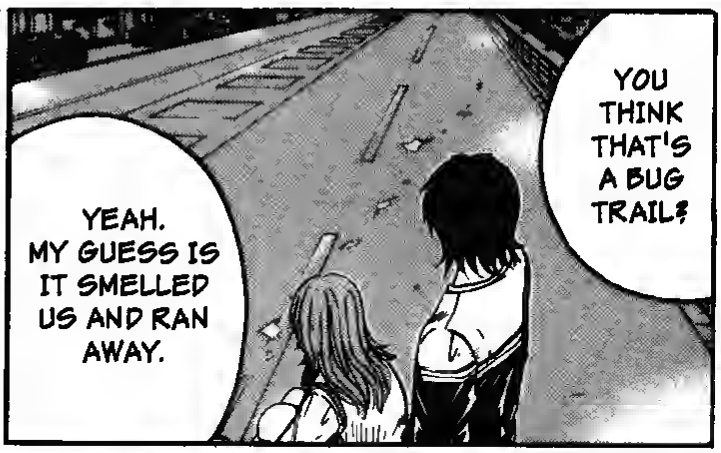
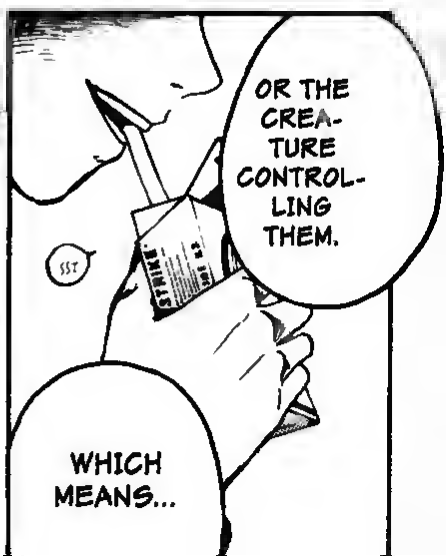
The mirror, the clutch lever, the crank case cover...
NOOOO! MY BABY !!
HELLO? ARE YOU OKAY?
HELLOOOOO?
YOU SKYDIVING BITCH! IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
MY BABY LOST A MIRROR BECAUSE OF YOU!
SHE WASN'T SKY-DIVING. SHE JUMPED OFF THE BRIDGE, BUT NOT OF HER OWN ACCORD.
IT LOOKS LIKE SHE WAS MANI-PULATED.
BY THEM.
HUH?




SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO DIE, MAKING IT LOOK LIKE SUICIDE. BUT IT WAS MURDER.
THE BUGS ARE THE MURDER-ERS.


YOU THINK THAT'S A BUG TRAIL?
YEAH. MY GUESS IS IT SMELLED US AND RAN AWAY.

...THAT OUR LUCK'S ABOUT TO CHANGE.
SOME-WHERE NEARBY IS A PHANTOM STRONG ENOUGH TO USE BUGS!


OR THE CREA-TURE CONTROL-LING THEM.
SST
WHICH MEANS...

HUH?
...THIS YOUNG LADY TO DIE, EH?
THAT'S PRETTY HARDCORE. I GUESS THEY REALLY WANT...
SO IT CAN MAKE PEONS, TOO, EH?

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CHAMPION
GRIN
WELL, WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN.

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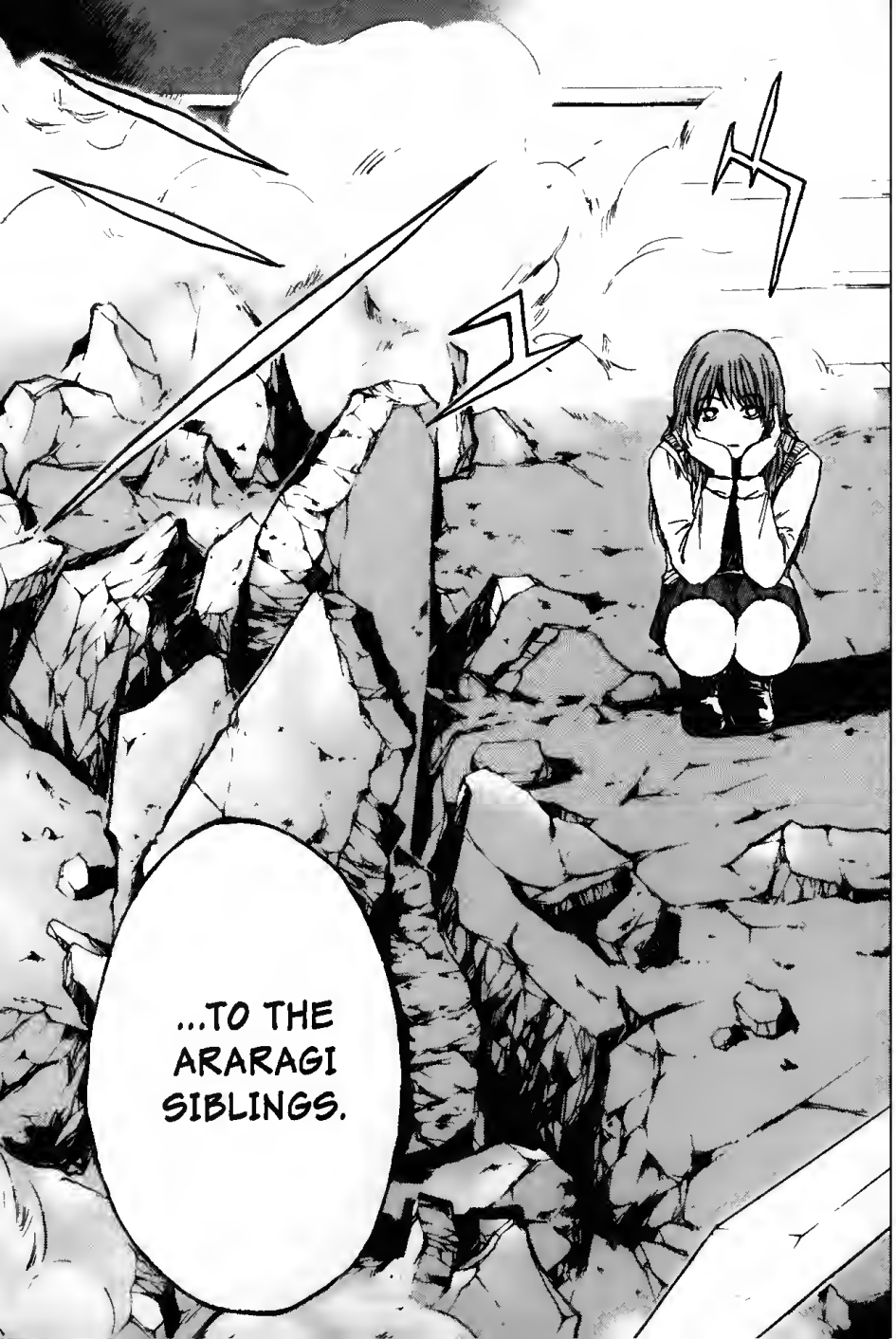
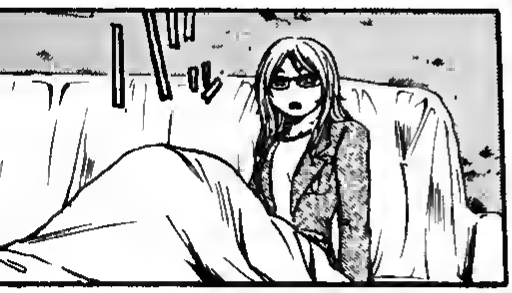
CRCK
CRK

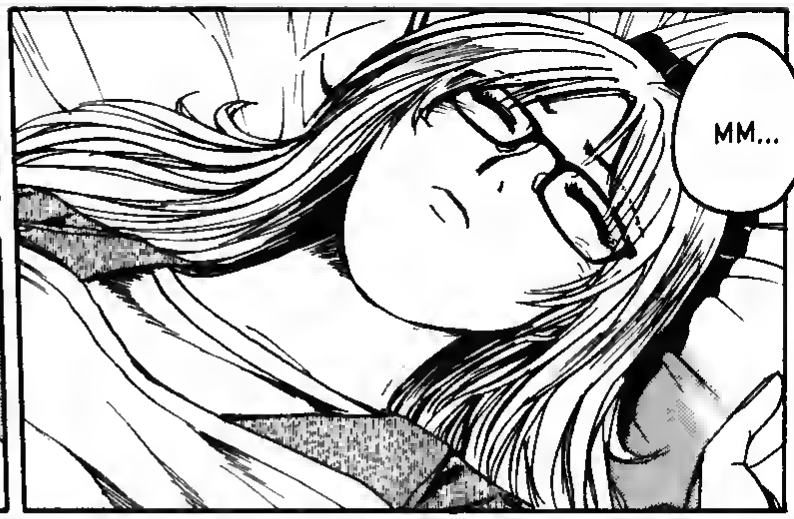
CREEEEE!
HEH.
CRACK
CRACK

CREEE!!


...TO THE ARARAGI SIBLINGS.

JUST ANOTHER TEAM OF FREAKS WHO HAVE FALLEN PREY...

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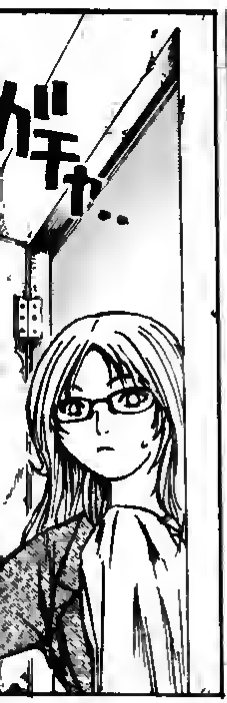
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HUH?
WHERE AM I?

DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
OH, YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE.
EEEEK EEEE!
HUH?

I TAKE IT YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
CREMATE? SO IT IS A PERSON?
WHAT ARE YOU COOKING?!!
Human?!
HUH? OH, THIS? OH, UM, YEAH, I KNOW IT LOOKS REALLY GROSS, BUT I WAS TRYING TO EAT--ERR-- I MEAN, I WAS TRYING TO CREMATE IT.
HA HA HA HA HA!
HUH? ME?
YOU WERE ABOUT TO BE KILLED BY THESE GUYS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU WERE CONTROLLED BY A BUG.
A BUG?
I DID?!
YEP. IF WE HADN'T BEEN THERE TO BREAK YOUR FALL, YOU'D BE DEAD WITH YOUR HEAD SPLIT IN TWO.
YOU JUMPED OFF THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE.
YES. YOU WERE ABOUT TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS FOR A REALLY LONG TIME, SO WE LOOKED IT UP.
YUKINO SHIRAISHI-SAN...
...OF TACHIKAWA K UNIVERSITY.
AND ALSO BECAUSE WE FOUND THIS...
...INSIDE YOUR EAR.
WHEN THIS BUG ENTERS YOUR EAR, IT TRANSMITS ELECTRONIC SIGNALS DIRECTLY INTO YOUR BRAIN. THEY ALLOW SOMEONE TO TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR ACTIONS.
THE PERSON WHO PLACED THIS BUG IN YOUR EAR USED IT TO GET YOU TO COMMIT SUICIDE.
WHAT IS THAT?
AN ARTIFICIAL BRAIN BUG.
AN ARTIFICIAL BRAIN... WHAT?!
CAN YOU THINK OF ANYONE...
...WHO WOULD WANT TO...
...KILL YOU?

OF COURSE NOT.
THERE'S NOBODY.
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT? YOU WERE ATTACKED AND SOMEONE USED THAT BUG TO CONTROL YOU.
AND WHEN THAT DIDN'T WORK, THEY SET A TEAM OF DEMONS AFTER YOU.
BUT I CAN'T THINK OF A SINGLE PERSON WHO WOULD WANT TO HURT ME.
Connect!
Tada!
AND BUGS OR DEMONS? I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.
FRANKLY, I FIND IT ALL A BIT HARD TO BELIEVE.
DEMONS?
DID YOU REMEMBER SOME-THING?
WELL, IT'S JUST THAT...
... THERE HAVE BEEN SOME STRANGE RUMORS GOING AROUND AT MY SCHOOL.
STRANGE RU-MORS?

RUMORS THAT THERE ARE...
...DEMONS WHO EAT HUMANS ROAMING CAMPUS.
THEY WENT TO GET SOME MATERIALS LATE AT NIGHT...
...AND HEARD SOME CHEWING NOISES FROM THE HALLWAY. WHEN THEY LOOKED CLOSER...
DEMONS?.
YES.
SUPPO-SEDLY, A FEW STUDENTS SAW SOME OF THEM IN THE OLD HALL.
CRK
CHOMP
GULP

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HMM. DEMONS WHO EAT HUMANS, EH?

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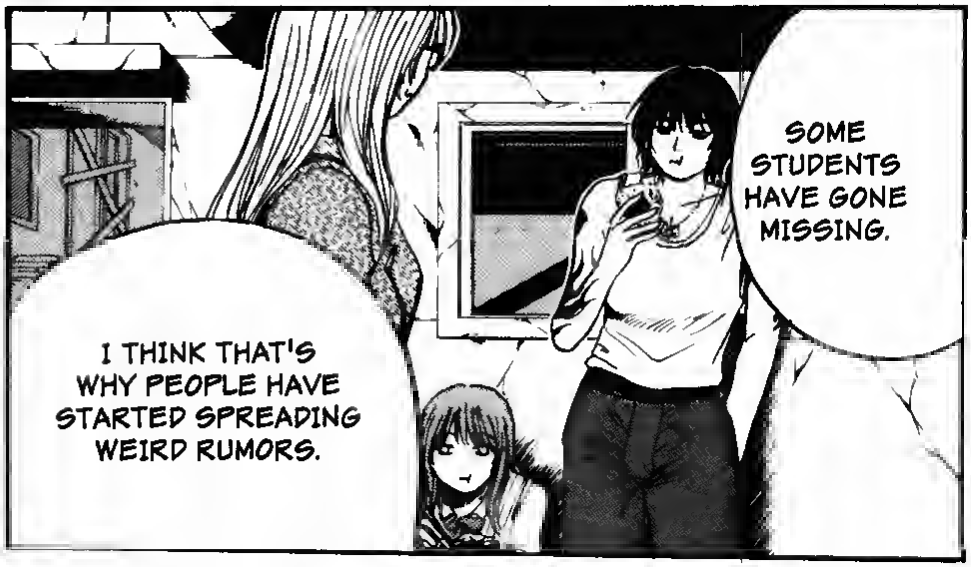
INTER-ESTING.


SOME STUDENTS HAVE GONE MISSING.
I THINK THAT'S WHY PEOPLE HAVE STARTED SPREADING WEIRD RUMORS.

IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S DEFINITELY WORTH...
YEAH.
CREAK
... LOOKING INTO.
SO, LET'S GO HUNT US SOME DEMONS.
HUH? BUT IT'S ONLY A RUMOR.
HOW DO YOU GET TO YOUR UNIVER-SITY?
MAYBE, BUT I'VE LEARNED WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S FIRE.
THOSE DEMONS ARE REALLY THERE.
WHO ARE YOU GUYS?
JUST A COUPLE OF MONSTER HUNTERS.
MY NAME IS ITTO ARARAGI AND THIS IS MY SISTER, MAYU.

HUNTERS?
WE'LL PROTECT YOU...
...FROM THE DEMONS AT YOUR SCHOOL.
MUNCH
DO WE HAVE A DEAL?

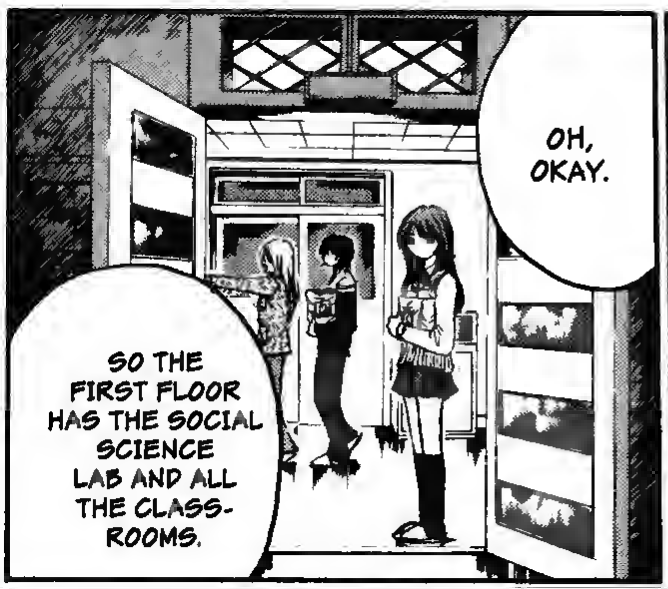
OKAY.
IF THAT'S ALL IT'LL TAKE.
THE ONLY PAYMENT WE NEED IS FOOD.
THOUGH I'D REMIND YOU WE JUST SAVED YOUR LIFE.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
10 TIMES A DAY?! THAT WASN'T MENTIONED IN THE DEAL!
YAY!
WE GET HUNGRY UNLESS WE EAT 10 TIMES A DAY.
THEN WE HAVE A DEAL! SO CAN YOU BUY US A FEW BURGERS?
TACHIKAWA K UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
2:00 P.M.

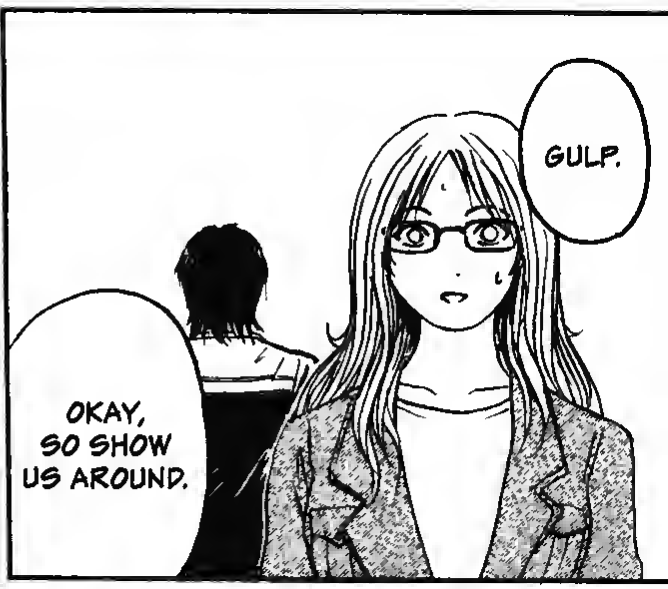
SO, THIS IS A COLLEGE CAMPUS, EH?
モミャ モミャ
IT'S HUGE!
He didn't have to buy so much.
THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE. HOW MANY STUDENTS IN TOTAL?
A LOT. THIS UNIVERSITY IS ONE OF THE LARGEST IN TOKYO.
THERE ARE 12 DEPARTMENTS AND 147 MAJORS.
THAT'S THE MAIN HALL. IT HAS 12 BUILDINGS. THE OLD HALL HAS THREE BUILDINGS, AND THE NEW HALL HAS TWO.
OH, AND WE HAVE OTHER CAMPUSES, TOO, SO THERE'S TECHNICALLY EVEN MORE.
I SEE. SO IN OTHER WORDS, THIS IS REALLY A MAMMOTH COMPASS.
CAMPUS.
AND WHICH ONE IS IT?

THERE IT IS. IT'S PRETTY OLD, ISN'T IT?
THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO USE THAT HALL ARE THE EARTH ENVIRONMENT MAJORS.
THE BUILDING WITH THE MONSTER?
OH, BUILDING NUMBER ONE IN THE OLD HALL.
THE EARTH ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT COMBINES SCIENCES...
...INTO A DISCIPLINE THAT STUDIES AND REPORTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT AS A WHOLE.
IT INVOLVES ELEMENTS OF BIOLOGY, GEOGRAPHY, EARTH SCIENCES, AS WELL AS MORE HOLISTIC APPROACHES TO SCIENCE.
IT ALSO INCLUDES SOCIAL SCIENCES, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ECONOMICS, AS WELL AS PHILOSOPHY. THE SCIENCE OF RELIGION, TOO.
WE STUDY THE EVIDENCE, LISTEN TO THE TESTIMONY OF EXPERTS...
IN SHORT, WE DEBATE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT.
munch munch
.....
ARE YOU LISTENING?
LISTENING, YES. UNDERSTANDING, NOT AT ALL.
Ha ha ha!

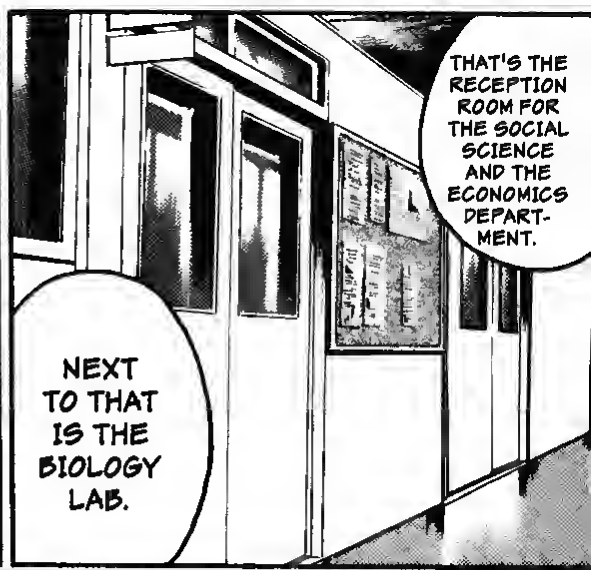
WHAT'S UP, MAYU?
OH, IT'S JUST...
...FOR A MOMENT THERE, I FELT LIKE I WAS BEING WATCHED.
HUH?
SO HERE WE ARE.
THIS IS BUILDING NUMBER ONE.
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD AVOID SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT?
IT'S SCARY ENOUGH WITH ALL THE RUMORS SURROUNDING THIS OLD HALL.

IS SOMETHING WRONG?
OH, UM...
I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND.
.....
THE FIRST FLOOR IS THE SOCIAL SCIENCES... HUH?
IS SHE OKAY?
DON'T MIND HER. SHE'S JUST INVESTI-GATING.
SHE HAS REALLY SHARP SENSES.
INVESTI-GATING?
THEY ACT ALMOST LIKE A RADAR.
.....
A RADAR FOR FINDING THEM.


OH, OKAY.
SO THE FIRST FLOOR HAS THE SOCIAL SCIENCE LAB AND ALL THE CLASS-ROOMS.


GULP.
OKAY, SO SHOW US AROUND.

IN THE BACK IS THE GEO-GRAPHY LAB...
...AND NEXT TO IT--
ONII-CHAN.


THAT'S THE RECEPTION ROOM FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCE AND THE ECONOMICS DEPART-MENT.
NEXT TO THAT IS THE BIOLOGY LAB.

HUH?
DO YOU FEEL THAT?
IT'S PRETTY BAD.

I CAN SENSE A LOT OF THEM.
A WHOLE BUNCH.

IS SOME-THING WRONG?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
THE SECOND FLOOR'S FOCUS IS ON HOLISTIC SCIENCES.
HOW MANY?
HMM. I CAN'T TELL. BUT THERE'S A LOT.
COME ON, IT'S MY CHANCE TO GET A GOOD PHANTOM.
AND THAT'S THE EARTH SCIENCES LAB...
AND THAT'S
TAP
IF I CAN'T EAT THIS ONE, I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK TO PEDOPHILE PHANTOMS.
.....
.....

HEY, ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ANY OF THIS?
HUH?
I'M SHOWING YOU AROUND BECAUSE YOU ASKED ME TO...
...BUT YOU'RE NOT EVEN LISTENING!
IF YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED, THEN GO HOME. IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO!
OH, IT'S NOT THAT I'M NOT INTERESTED, BUT WE'RE TRYING TO LOOK FOR MONSTERS, SO...
Please try to understand.
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CREAK
!

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MATSUMURA-KUN?
……
MATSUMURA-KUN, WHAT HAPPENED?!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
!
ZOO
……

WHAT'S THIS?!
WHAT HAPPENED TO MY CLASS-MATES?!
DRIP
DAMMIT, WHERE?
WHERE ARE THEY HIDING?
NEAR?
ONII-CHAN, THEY'RE NEAR.
SST
.....

!

AAAAAH!!

ONII-CHAN!
SHIT, IT'S MIMESIS!

THUNK
ARGHH
RRHH!
SLIP
RIP
RIP

!!
PHEW! WE WERE ABOUT TO BECOME LUNCHMEAT.
MAYU...
HERE.
MIMESIS, EH?
I DIDN'T THINK IT'D BE MIMICKING A DOOR.
IS THAT...?
YEAH.

NO WAY...
HE DID THAT TO MATSU-MURA-KUN AND THE REST OF THEM?
UHH...
TWITCH
...IN THIS OLD BUILDING.

PFFG-HTT...
THIS IS THE BASTARD WHO'S BEEN EATING HUMANS...

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SAITO-SAN! MORIMURA-KUN!
ZWSH
ZWSH
SO, HE PUT BUGS INTO THE PEOPLE HE ATE AND TURNED THEM INTO SOLDIERS.
THAT'S JUST PLAIN RUDE.
MUNCH
PRETTY GOOD DEFENSE, THOUGH.
IF YOU ALL WANT TO BE EATEN, THEN YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE!

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Phantom Hunter

TAP
SO, HE PUT BUGS INTO THE PEOPLE HE ATE AND TURNED THEM INTO SOLDIERS.
GRIP
THAT'S JUST PLAIN RUDE.
TAP
PRETTY GOOD DEFENSE, THOUGH.
GRIN

YOU AND YOUR LITTLE SOLDIERS!

I'LL KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU!
Where did he get all those weapons?!

EPISODE:2
REAL MELTDOWN

CREEEE!
GRIP
SQUIRT
AAAARGH!
WHIP
AAAAA!H!

!
?
COME AND GET ME, YOU FREAKS!
EEEEEEEGH!

CRASH

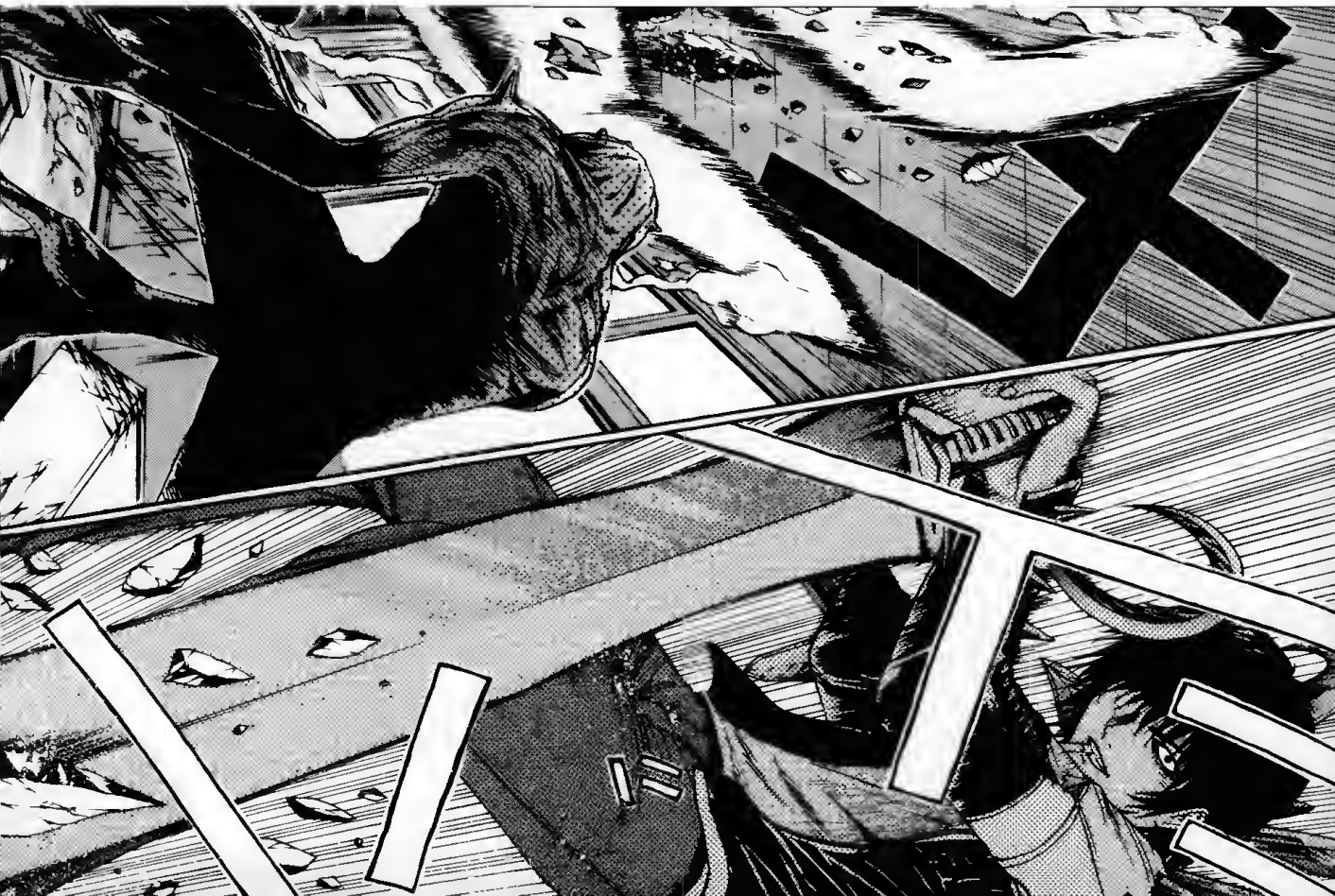
CREEEEE!
CREEEEE!
!!
YOUR SOLDIERS ARE GONE NOW!
THE ONLY ONE LEFT IS YOU.
SO, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, FOUR-EYES?
HEH...

!?
!
ITTO-KUN, ABOVE YOU!

GAH!
SLICE
YOU LITTLE ...!

WHO IS THIS GUY?
HE HAS POWERS LIKE US.
!!
THERE ARE TWO DEMONS?!
DAMN. SO, YOU AREN'T ALONE AFTER ALL.
DRIP DRIP
BLOW
SURVI-VORS OF MACHIDA.
THEY HUNT THE ONES FROM THE OTHER SIDE.
CRACK
YES. BUT HE SMELLS LIKE THEM. THERE'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT.
MAYBE HE'S ONE OF THOSE HUNTERS?
ZWISH
HEH... HUNTER. THEN WE HAVE TO KILL HIM.
YES.
WE KILL ANYONE WHO GETS IN THE WAY OF OUR NOBLE PLAN.

!
INTO THEIR OWN BODIES?
...INTO THEIR BODIES!
ONII-CHAN, THESE GUYS AREN'T NORMAL PHANTOMS.
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY ABSORBED THE OTHER PHANTOMS...
...BY HUNTING YOU!
I THINK I'M DOING YOU A FAVOR...
CLANG
WHAM
PRETTY DAMN WEIRD IF YOU ASK ME!
THEY ABSORBED THE OTHER PHANTOMS



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IDIOT!
THAT WAS A
DIVERSION!

MOROKA!!
DRIP
DRIP
AARRGH!!

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WOOSH
!!
AAAAARGH!
My head!

HEH... YOU THOUGHT I COULDN'T TAKE ON TWO OF YOU?
YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE US HUNTERS SO LIGHTLY.
.....
URGH?!
YOU'RE A STUDENT HERE, RIGHT?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
!
SNAP
OKAY, LET'S HAVE YOU TAKE OFF YOUR COVER AND SHOW WHO YOU ARE.
TWIST
COME ON, LET'S DO IT. OR ELSE I'M GOING TO CUT YOU UP, AND THAT'S GOING TO HURT.
POINT
URGHA...

I KNOW THAT VOICE!
IT SOUNDS LIKE... MO-ROOKA-KUN?
HURRY IT UP. OR I'M GOING TO CUT OFF YOUR HEAD.
Urgh
OR MAYBE I SHOULD START WITH YOUR INTES-TINES? EH?
Gah.
I GET IT! I UNDERSTAND, SO TAKE THAT KNIFE AWAY FROM ME!
SNIFF SNIFF
HUH?
HEY, ONII-CHAN, DO YOU SMELL GAS?
HUH?
SERI-OUSLY?
OH, NO WAY...

UGH...

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! AN EXPLO-SION?!
IT'S THE OLD HALL!
EEK!
GAH!
WHAT HAPPENED ?!
MOROOKA-KUN AND TAKIGAWA-KUN?!
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WHAT HAPPENED TO THEIR BODIES?
CALL AN AMBU-LANCE!

DEMONS...
DEMONS?
WHAT IS THIS?
BUT I DIDN'T THINK...
...IT WOULD BE MY CLASS-MATES.
THERE WAS A RUMOR GOING AROUND SCHOOL...
...ABOUT DEMONS EATING HUMANS.
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SLIDE
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS, KUNI-KIDA?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Nothing. I wanted to touch it, that's all.
Heh.
KUNIKIDA-SAN, WE FOUND A BUNCH OF CORPSES IN THE BASEMENT!
WHAT?
WHO TOLD SHIBUYA TO COME DOWN HERE?!
THIS CASE IS FIRMLY IN TACHIKAWA JURISDIC-TION! IT BELONGS TO MY BOYS!
OKAY, HAND THEM OVER TO AUTOPSY.
YES.
HEY, I SAID THIS ONE'S OURS!
JUDGING FROM THEIR BELONG-INGS, THEY LOOK LIKE THE MISSING STUDENTS!
AND IT'S OUR FIRST TWO VICTIMS WHO WERE IN CHARGE OF THE STORAGE KEY!
MAKING IT ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MISSING STUDENTS.
YES, AND THEY MAY BE RESPON-SIBLE FOR THE DISAPPEA-RANCES IN TACHIKAWA AS WELL.

ARE YOU OKAY, YUKINO? YOU LOOK PALE.
Hey!
Hey, are you listening?
HUH? YEAH... I'M FINE.
I'M JUST SURPRISED...
...THAT TWO OF MY CLASSMATES WERE THE DEMONS.
THAT'S TRUE. BUT WHAT WAS UP WITH THEIR BODIES? WERE THEY SICK OR SOMETHING?
EVEN IF THEY WERE, I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THEY KILLED 20 PEOPLE.
AND THEY WERE EATING THE CORPSES, TOO, RIGHT?
WHAT HAPPENED?
THEY WERE SUCH GOOD STUDENTS.
MAYBE THAT'S WHY.
HUH?

IT'S PROBABLY THE CURSE, JUST LIKE THE RUMORS SAY.
IT'S BECAUSE I FOUND THAT THING.
IT'S AMAZING, YUKINO-KUN.
HUH?
THAT MUMMY!
BUT EVERYTHING STARTED AFTER I BROUGHT IT!
NO, YUKINO. THIS IS DIFFERENT...
AND TAKIGAWA-KUN AND MOROOKA-KUN, THEY TOLD ME...
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
THAT'S...
YOU REALLY BROUGHT BACK SOME-THING ASTONI-SHING.
IT'S JUST THE SORT OF THING WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

YUKINO...
I'M SURE OF IT. IT'S THAT MUMMY'S CURSE...
ALREADY, THEY DIDN'T LOOK NORMAL. IT WAS LIKE SOMETHING HAD TAKEN POSSESSION OF THEM.
HEY, MOVE IT! I'M THE ONE IN CHARGE HERE!
I'M TELLING YOU TO MOVE OVER!
PROFESSOR!
DAD!
I HEARD YOU WERE ATTACKED BY MOROOKA AND TAKIGAWA! ARE YOU OKAY?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
NO, IT'S NOT THAT...

ANYWAY, WE HAVE TO TAKE YOU TO A HOSPITAL! YOU NEED TO GET CHECKED!
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF TOXINS THEY EMITTED!
HEY YOU! GO GET YOUR POLICE CAR!
NO, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THIS IS!
I KNEW THEY WERE HIDING SOMETHING, BUT THIS?
DAMN THOSE IDIOTS! NOW ALL OF OUR RESEARCH MATERIAL IS GONE!
You want me to sue you? Hurry up!
Mimura-kun, you come, too.
Yes, sir.
?
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "HUH"? TAKE MY DAUGHTER TO THE HOSPITAL! NOW! SHE'S INJURED!
DAD...
HIS SPECIALTY IS IN BIOLOGICAL EVOLUTION AND THE HUMAN GENOME.
HE'S AN AUTHORITY IN BIOENGINEERING!
HE'S WRITTEN A COUPLE OF THESES, AND HE'S MORE THAN COMPETENT AS A PROFESSOR.
OH, PROFESSOR SHIRAISHI?
Dad, cut it out!
Hurry!!
WHO IS THAT?
HE'S YUKINO'S DAD.
HE'S ALSO A PROFESSOR IN BIOENGINEERING.

I SEE.
ALTHOUGH HE HASN'T DONE ALL THAT GREAT...
...AS A FATHER.
He hasn't been home much.
AND WHO ARE YOU TWO?
OH, WE CAME TO KILL THE DEMONS. YUKINO-SAN HIRED US.
KILL DE-MONS?
YEAH, BUT THEY WOUND UP DYING ON THEIR OWN IN THE EXPLOSION.
SHEESH. I THOUGHT I WAS IN FOR A REAL TREAT THIS TIME.
TREAT?
HUH? OH, I MEAN, THAT THEY TREATED US REALLY BADLY.
HEY, CAN YOU BUY US DINNER? WE'RE STARVING.
ME?
PLEASE? YUKINO-SAN WAS SUPPOSED TO BUY IT FOR US, BUT SINCE SHE LEFT...
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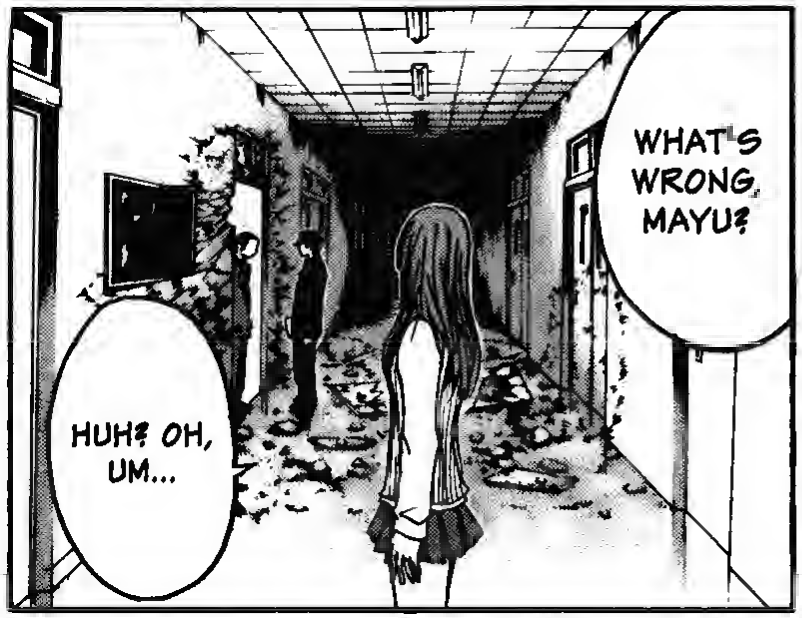
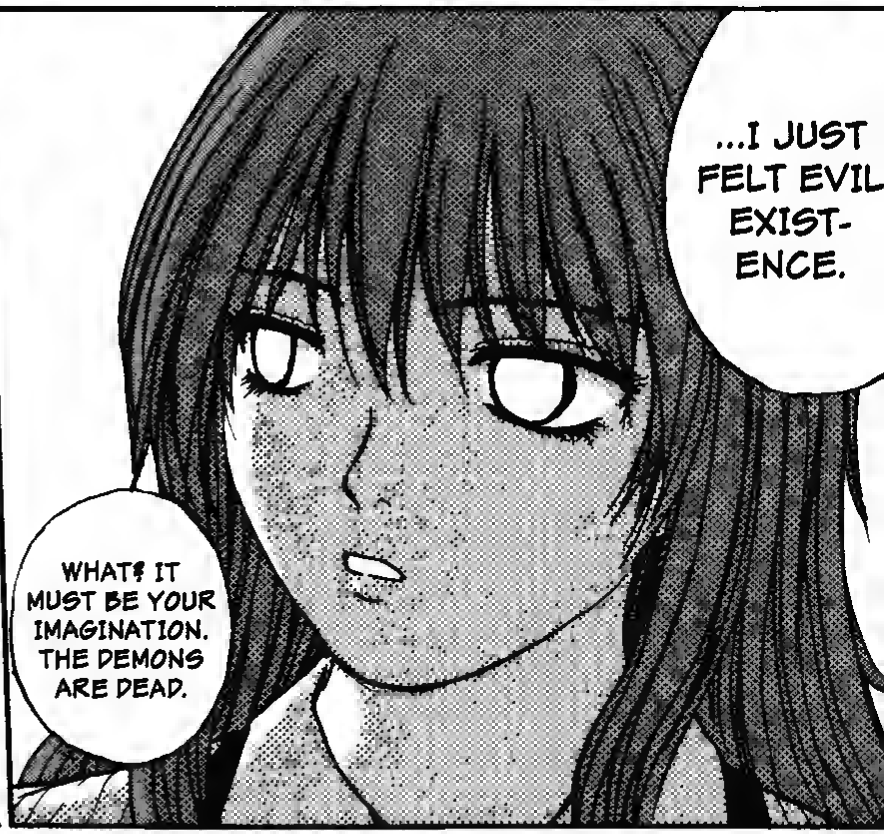

WHAT'S WRONG, MAYU?
HUH? OH, UM...

Why me

COME ON, LET'S GO! THIS LOVELY LADY IS GOING TO BUY US STEAK!
HUH? STEAK? I DIDN'T SAY THAT...
OH, COME ON. WE NEED MEAT AFTER WE EXER-CISE.
But ...


...I JUST FELT EVIL EXIST-ENCE.
WHAT? IT MUST BE YOUR IMAGINATION. THE DEMONS ARE DEAD.

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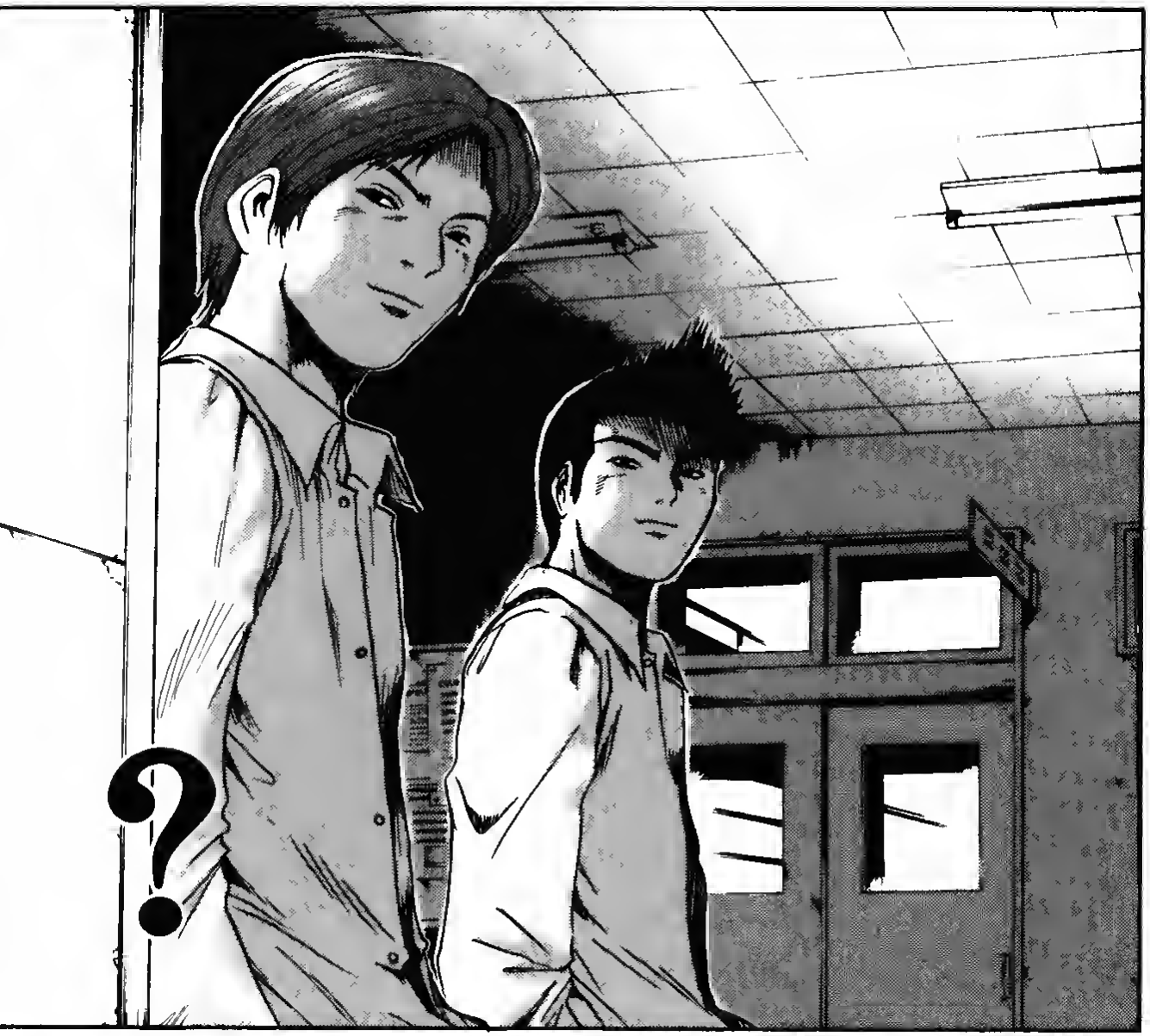
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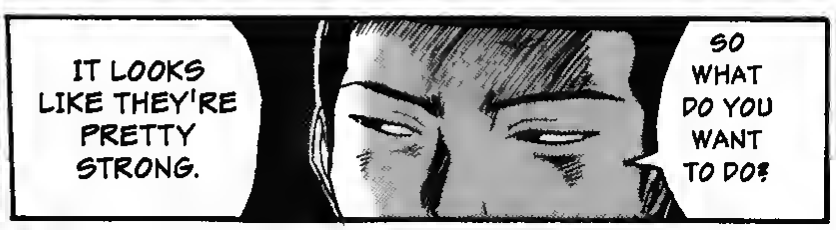
DON'T WORRY. ANOTHER 10 MORE PEOPLE OR SO, AND WE'RE GOOD.
OUR ABSORBING POWER IS MUCH HIGHER THAN MOROOKA'S AND TAKIGAWA'S.

Okay, I'll settle for cafeteria food.
I'm really poor, you know?
Please?
YEAH, OUR RESEARCH WAS ABOUT TO BE MADE PUBLIC.
WELL, THAT'S SOMETHING WE DIDN'T PLAN ON.
I NEVER EXPECTED A HUNTER TO BE HERE.


IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE PRETTY STRONG.
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

I WON'T LET THEM...
...KIDS BOTHER US.
OR OUR NOBLE...
...PLAN.

BUZZ
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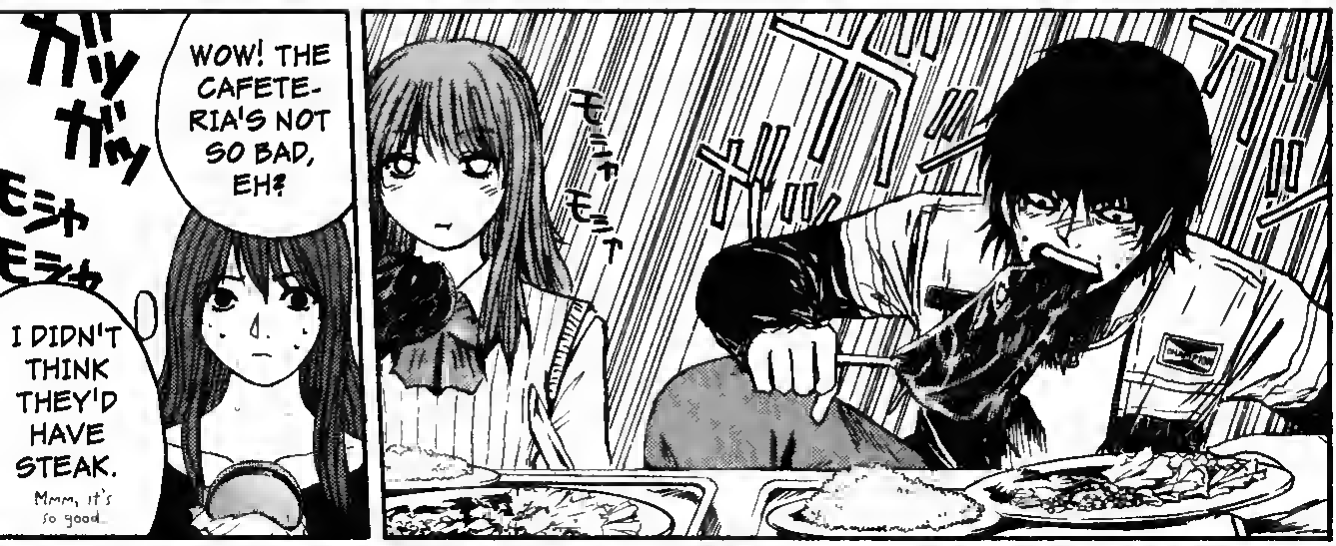
BUZZ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WOW! THE CAFETERIA'S NOT SO BAD, EH?
I DIDN'T THINK THEY'D HAVE STEAK.
Mmm, it's so good.
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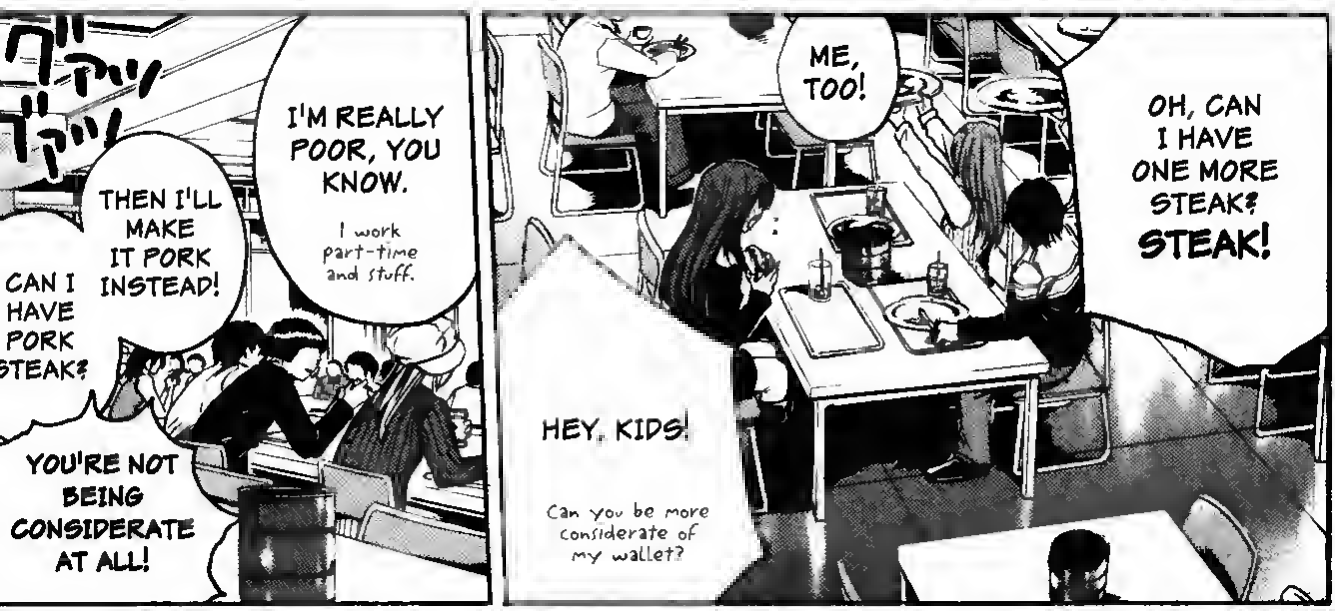
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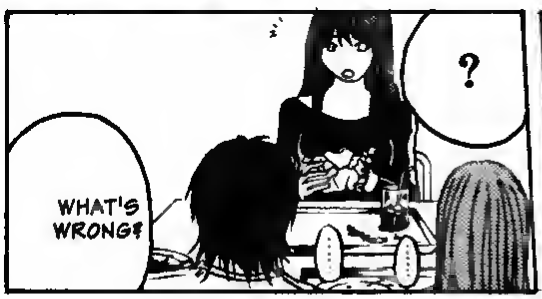
I'M REALLY POOR, YOU KNOW.
I work part-time and stuff.
THEN I'LL MAKE IT PORK INSTEAD!
CAN I HAVE PORK STEAK?
YOU'RE NOT BEING CONSIDERATE AT ALL!
ME, TOO!
OH, CAN I HAVE ONE MORE STEAK?
STEAK!
HEY, KIDS!
Can you be more considerate of my wallet?

...SOMETHING ABOUT A CURSE AND A MUMMY?
OH.
BY THE WAY, WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT WITH YUKINO-SAN?
HUH?
YUKINO-SAN WAS SAYING...
THE DEMON HAND MUMMY.
DEMON HAND MUMMY?
YEAH. I THINK YUKINO FOUND IT LAST MONTH.
SHE FOUND IT IN THE GRASS WHEN THE BIOENGINEERING TEAM AND GEOGRAPHY TEAM WERE DOING SOME RESEARCH.
THEY FIGURED IT PROBABLY WASN'T REAL...
...BUT THEY BROUGHT IT HOME ANYWAY.

I THINK IT'S RIDICULOUS. THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS AS CURSES.
IT'S PROBABLY JUST A MONKEY'S HAND OR SOME-THING.
AT FIRST THEY WERE EXCITED, BUT THEN SOME PEOPLE GOT FREAKED OUT BY IT.
AND THEN STUDENTS STARTED DIS-APPEARING, SO PEOPLE SAID IT MIGHT BE CURSED.
WHERE DID SHE FIND THIS HAND?
UM, LET ME SEE...
IT WAS NEAR AN OPEN CHASM...
OH, NOW I REMEMBER. IT WAS MACHIDA!

THAT CHASM THAT SWALLOWED THE WHOLE RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX AFTER THE LAST EARTH-QUAKE...
...AND THAT'S RUMORED TO STILL BE GROWING.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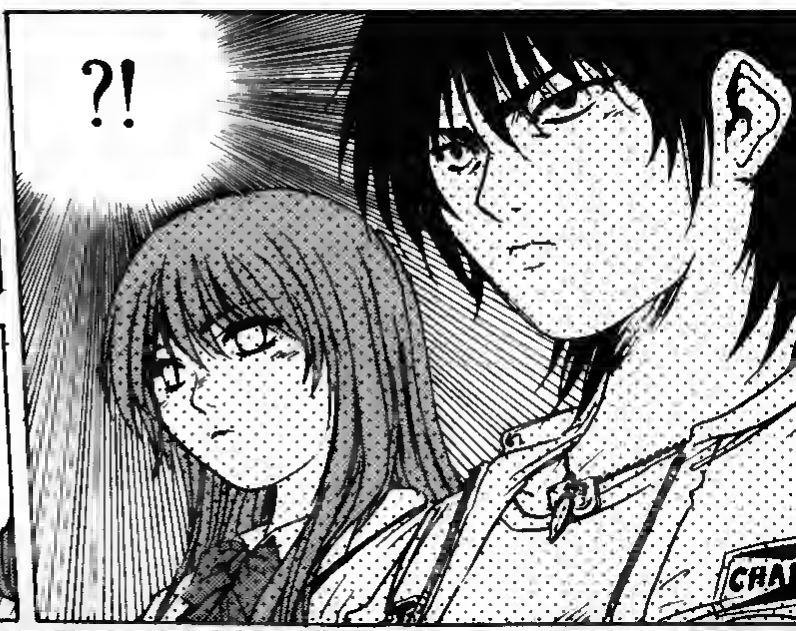
WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU KNOW...
...IT MIGHT REALLY BE A CURSE.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IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT WAS FOUND...
...AT HILL-SIDE HEIGHTS
YEAH, THERE'S NO DOUBTING IT.
HUH?
That was good
SHOW ME THE HAND. IT'S HERE ON CAMPUS, RIGHT?
HUH? WHY DO YOU WANT TO SEE IT?
WHY DO YOU THINK? WE'RE GOING TO CHECK IT OUT.
HEY, STOP THAT.
.....
I'M GETTING FREAKED OUT.
WE NEED TO SEE IF IT CAME BACK TO LIFE OR NOT.
I GUESS WE HAVE WORK TO DO.

...TO REALIZE THAT THING WAS ALIVE.
LEAVE IT TO A FUCKING HUNTER...
COME BACK TO LIFE? BUT IT'S A MUMMY!
THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD COME BACK TO LIFE!
HUH?
?!
CRACK

EEEK!
AAAAAAH!
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PHEW.
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DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
AAGH!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

HUMAN EXTRACTS...
...ARE THE BEST.
THEN I GUESS WE CAN'T HELP WHAT COMES NEXT.
DRIP
DRIP
WE NEED YOU TO DIE, TOO.
TADA-KUN!
MURAYAMA-KUN!
!
KUMAGAI? YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH THESE HUNTERS?

SINCE YOU...
...SAW OUR FACES.

LOSERS?
WE CAN ABSORB HUMAN EXT-RACTS AND MIMIC.
SHN
!
EEK!
SO THERE WERE MORE, EH? YOU LOSERS WERE HIDING WHILE WE KILLED YOUR FRIENDS.
THE LOSERS
DO YOU WANT TO SEE, THEN, WHICH OF US IS...
?!

EEEEK! WHAT IS THIS?!
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
URGH!
MY BLOOD...
IT'S NOT JUST YOUR BLOOD I WANT! I'LL TAKE EVERYTHING. YOUR BLOOD, FLESH AND ABILITIES!

WE CAN TAKE PEOPLE'S ABILITIES AND MAKE THEM OUR OWN!
AS LONG AS WE KEEP EATING AND ABSORBING HUMANS, WE'RE INVINCIBLE!

DRIP
DRIP
YOU GET IT NOW, RIGHT?
.....
OUR SUPERIORITY?

I SEE. ABSORB, EH?
YOU THINK THAT'S SOMETHING ONLY YOU CAN DO, DO YOU?

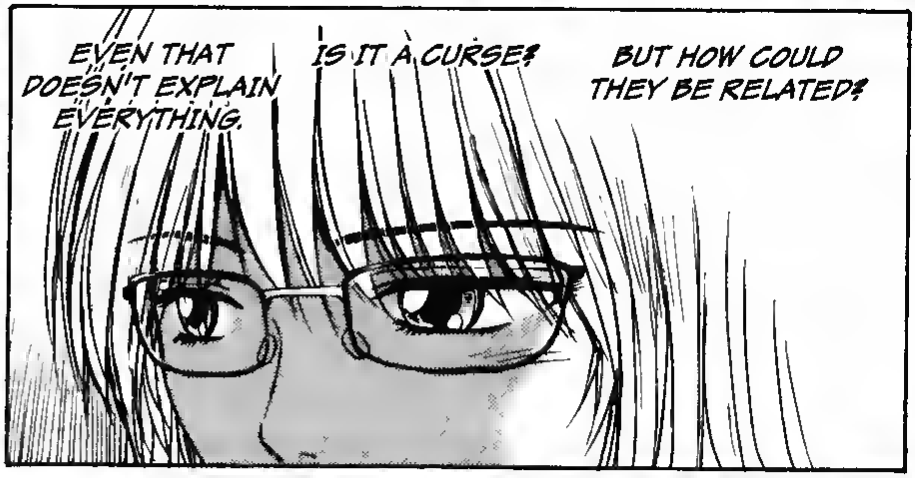
I'LL DIGEST YOU FIRST!

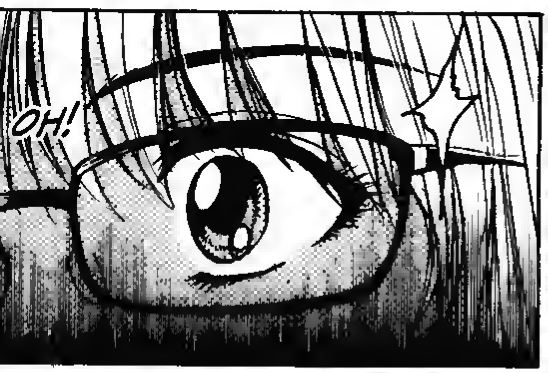
HEH HEH HEH. IT'S IRONIC THAT YOU'RE SAYING THIS AS YOU ARE BEING ABSORBED.
FINE, THEN.

!
I'LL DIGEST ALL OF YOU!

BWA HA HA HA! MELT! MELT INSIDE MY STOMACH!
HA HA HA HA!
NO....
NOOOOO!!

ARE YOU OKAY, SHIRA-ISHI?
HUH? YEAH, I AM. IT JUST SLIPPED OUT OF MY HAND, THAT'S ALL.
!
PHEW.
THMP
YOU'RE TIRED BECAUSE OF EVERY-THING THAT'S HAPP-ENED.
I'LL GET YOU MORE TEA.
OH, BUT--
JUST STAY PUT. I'LL CALL YOUR FATHER, TOO.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHY DID TAKI-GAWA-KUN AND MOROOKA-KUN TURN INTO MON-STERS?
MUMMY?
OH, WHAT IS THIS





I KNOW! I GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT THAT NIGHT WITH SOMEONE...

DRIP
DRIP
...AND THEN...
WE ARGUED...
?!
DRIP
YUKINO?
IS SOME-
THING
WRONG?
MOM WAS
ON THE
FLOOR, AND
THEN--
THAT'S
RIGHT!
MOM!

DAD!
.....
WHERE'S MOM?
I SAW HER THE OTHER NIGHT.
MOM WAS ON THE FLOOR, AND SHE WAS DRENCHED IN...
... BLOOD.

?!

WHAT A FOOLISH WOMAN, TO NOT EAT SOME-THING SO AMAZING.
AND SHE TOLD ME TO STOP EATING, TOO.
That's why women are--

OH, YOUR MOTHER?
WELL, SHE WON'T EAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH I TELL HER TO.

WHAT DID YOU TRY TO MAKE HER EAT?
WHAT ELSE? THIS.

DAD, DID YOU...
WHAT CHOICE DID I HAVE? SHE DIDN'T WANT TO EAT.

THE DEMON'S MEAT.
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
?!
YOUR MOM DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT THIS WAS FOR THE FUTURE OF HUMANKIND.
THIS ORGANISM CAN COMBINE ITS CHROMOSOME WITH THE CHROMOSOME OF THE CELL IT INTAKES.
MEANING ...
.INDIVIDUAL EVOLUTION.

THIS HAND CAN EVOLVE INDIVIDUALLY-- SOMETHING HUMANKIND COULDN'T DO IN FIVE MILLION YEARS.
ISN'T IT SPECTACULAR? IT'S THE DREAM OF HUMANKIND!
AND YOU CAN EXPERIENCE IT!
I'LL BET YOU CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING THAT COULD BEAT THIS, RIGHT, YUKINO?
YOU'VE BEEN MAKING EVERYONE IN THE LAB EAT IT TOO, HAVEN'T YOU?
YOU HAVE TO STOP IT! THIS ISN'T RE-SEARCH!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT THING IS! YOU CAN'T EAT IT!
.....
WE CAN CHANGE HUMANKIND!
DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT A DISCO-VERY THIS IS?
MOM?
M...

I HAD TO. WHEN I TRIED TO FORCE HER TO EAT IT, SHE BIT HER TONGUE.
HEH... WHAT A FOOL.
DAD DID YOU...?
WHY? WHY DID YOU KILL MOM?
DON'T YOU AGREE, YUKINO?
TO REJECT SUCH A FABULOUS EXPERI-ENCE.
CHOMP
MUNCH
I'M CALLING THE POLICE!
AND I'M GOING TO LET DISEASE CONTROL KNOW, TOO.
DON'T BE STUPID!!
SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH YOU, DAD!
URGH...
HOW WONDER-FUL THIS IS...
MUNCH
IDIOT. YOU'D UNDER-STAND IF YOU ATE IT, TOO.

SPLAT
SPLAT
SPLAT
COUGH!
UGH...
GAH...
IF YOU BECOME ONE OF US...
Cree!
Cree!
NOOOOOOOOO!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU MURDERED PEOPLE...
...FOR SOME-THING LIKE THAT.
THAT'S RIGHT. GREAT DEEDS REQUIRE SACRIFICES.
I REMEM-BER NOW! IT WAS YOU, DAD!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TURNED THE LAB STUDENTS INTO MONSTERS, AND YOU'RE BEHIND ALL THE MISSING KIDS.
THEY ARE BECOMING SEEDS TO SAVE HUMANKIND.
MUNCH
CHOMP
IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.
MIMURA-KUN! LET ME GO! NO!
CHEW
MUNCH
ITTO-KUN! HELP ME!
HA HA! THE HUNTERS? THE HUNTERS ARE GONE.
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RIP
MUNCH
THEY'VE PROBABLY BEEN ABSORBED BY NOW.
ABSORBED BY TADA-KUN.
RIP
YOU'D UNDERSTAND HOW GREAT THIS MEAT IS, ONCE YOU BECAME ONE OF US.
MUNCH
CHEW
SO, WHAT DO YOU SAY, YUKINO? IF YOU'RE A SCIENTIST, YOU'D KNOW THERE'S NO GETTING OUT OF THIS.
ITTO-KUN! MAYU-CHAN!

CRACK
CRACK
EAT, YUKINO.
AND WE'LL EVOLVE TOGETHER.
WE'LL EVOLVE TO THE FINAL STAGE OF HUMANKIND...
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AND EXPERIENCE ...

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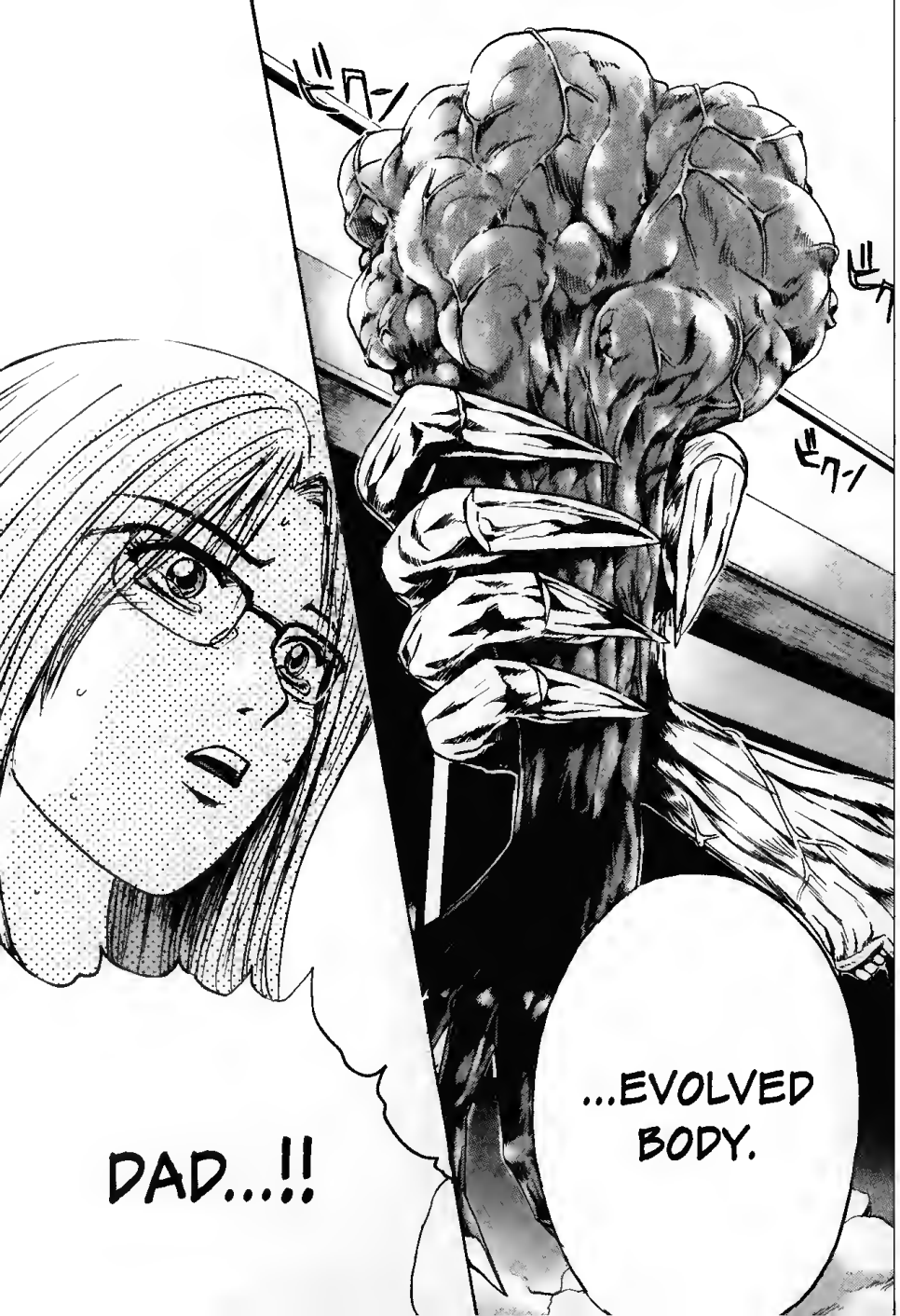
NOW, EAT THIS MEAT, YUKINO. LIKE ME.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DAD...!!
...EVOLVED BODY.

...THIS WONDER-FUL...

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SWELLED MALICE

NO, DON'T...
TUG
I DON'T WANT TO BECOME A MONSTER!
!
GRIN
BWAHAHAHAHA!!
MONSTER ARE YOU STILL USING SUCH UNEN-LIGHTENE WORDS?
THIS IS EVOLU-TION.
SST
IT'S AMAZIN YOU CA MAKE ANY ABILIT YOUR OWN.
IT'S WHAT WE ALWAYS DREAMED OF. YOU UNDER-STAND, RIGHT?
THUNK
HUH?

?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MURA-YAMA?!
AAARRGH!!
MURA-YAMA?
AAAAAAAG!

COULD IT BE THE GUY...
...WHO TRIED TO ABSORB ME?

MURA-YAMA? WHO'S THAT?
OH, I KNOW.

MURAYAMA?! TADA?! WHAT?! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
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WELL, SINCE THEY WERE TRYING TO ABSORB ME...
...I FIGURED THE BEST THING WAS FOR ME TO ABSORB THEM INSTEAD.

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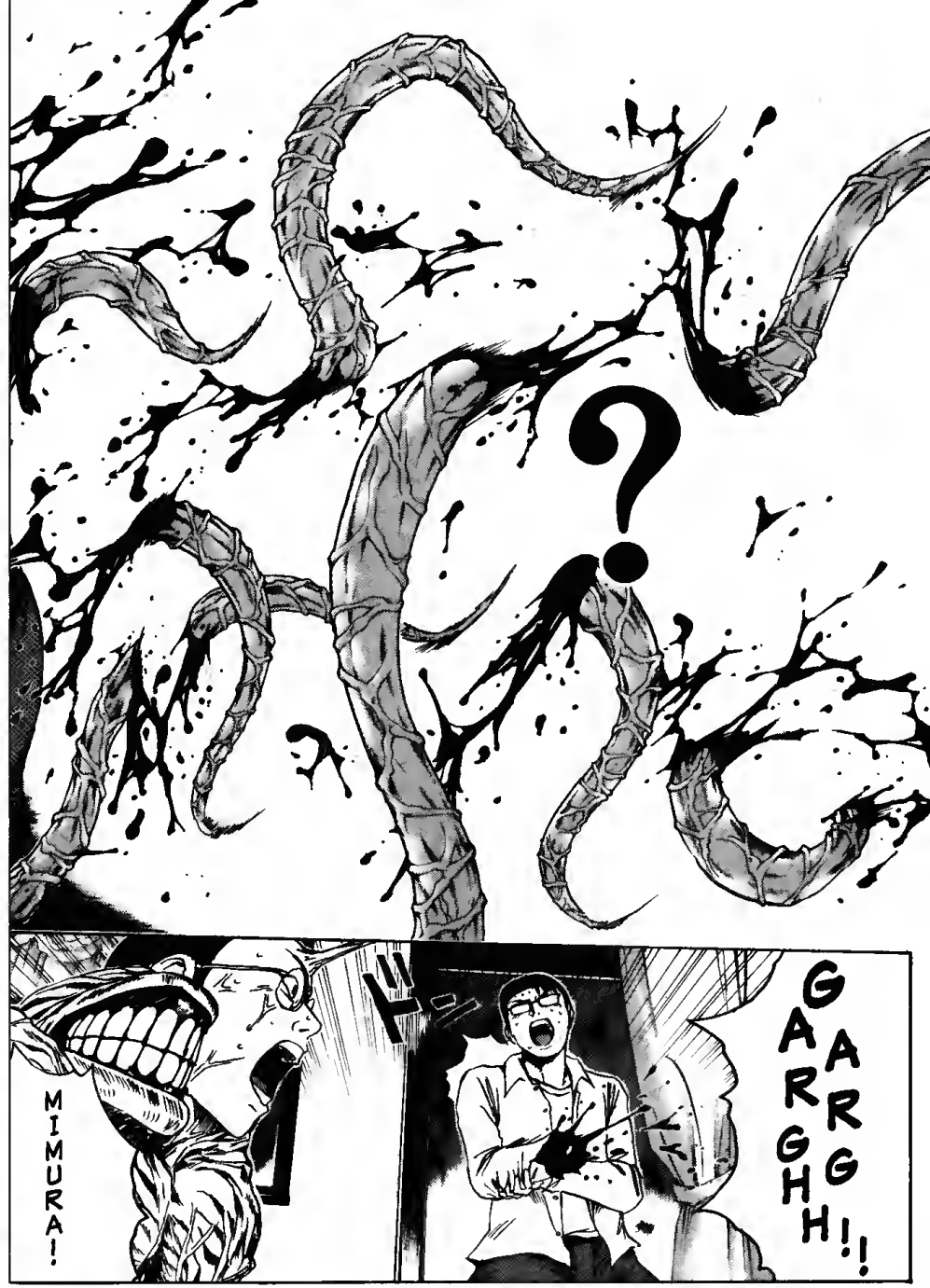
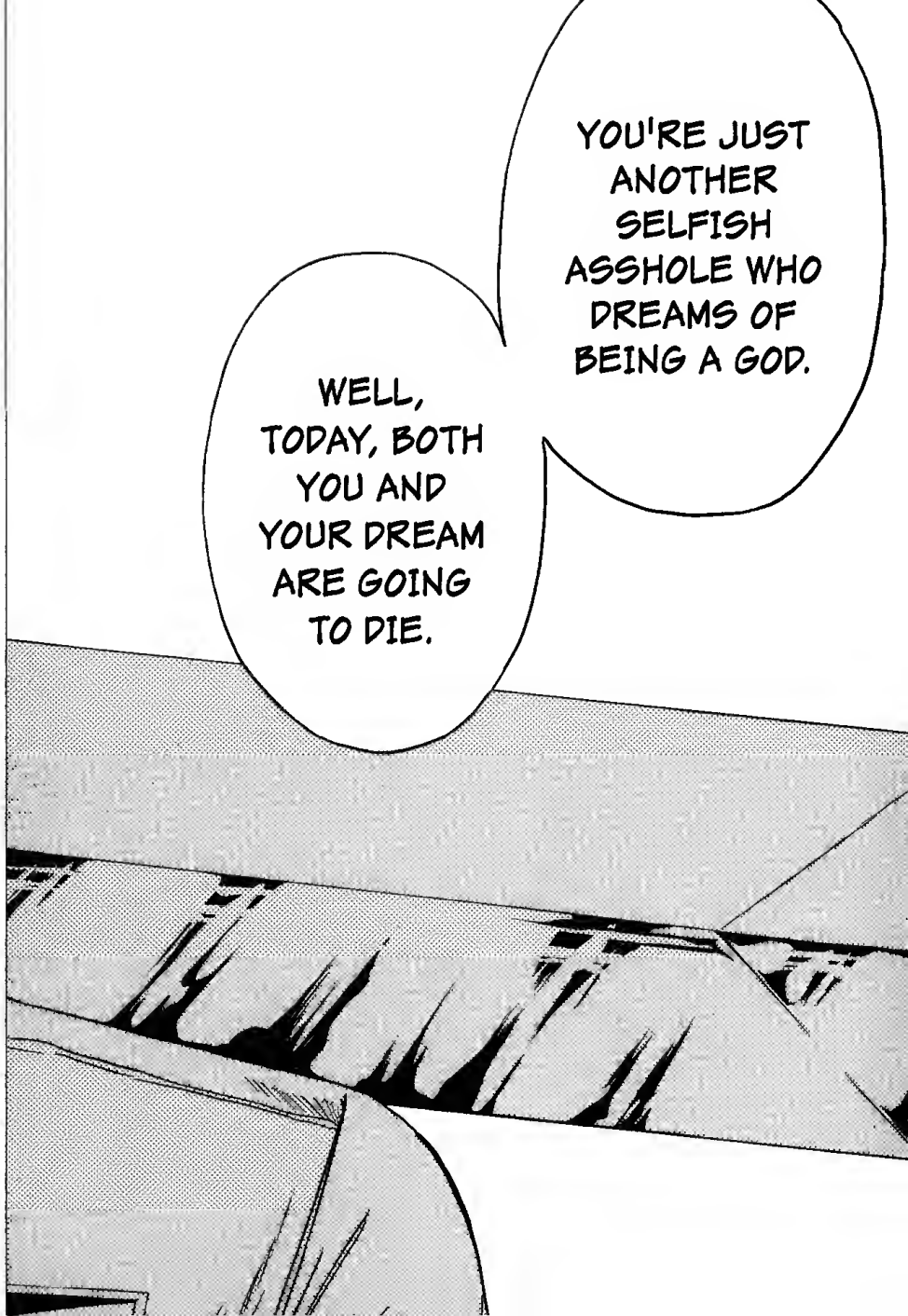
I'VE GOT TO SAY, IT'S PRETTY HANDY...

!
ITTO-KUN! MAYU-CHAN!
SWUP
HOW DID YOU GAIN THAT ABILITY?!
NUERP
...THIS MIMICKING ABILITY.
I like it a lot.
HMPH. YOU THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN ABSORB ABILITIES?
YOU'RE JUST HALF-ASSED PHANTOMS WHO ATE SOME PHANTOM MEAT.
CHAMPION
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

AND TO TRY TO FORCE YOUR DAUGHTER TO JOIN YOU...
!
YOU'RE THE WORST PARENT I'VE EVER SEEN.
!
I WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS WERE THE ONES EATING THE STUDENTS.
YOU GUYS HAVE SUNK SO LOW.


?
MIMURA!
GARGH!!
GARGH!!

SO BE PRE-PARED.


YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER SELFISH ASSHOLE WHO DREAMS OF BEING A GOD.
WELL, TODAY, BOTH YOU AND YOUR DREAM ARE GOING TO DIE.

...MY ABILITIES.
YOU HAVEN'T YET SEEN ...
DON'T BE SO COCKY.
HMPH. DIE?
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW POWERFUL...
...THIS BODY IS.

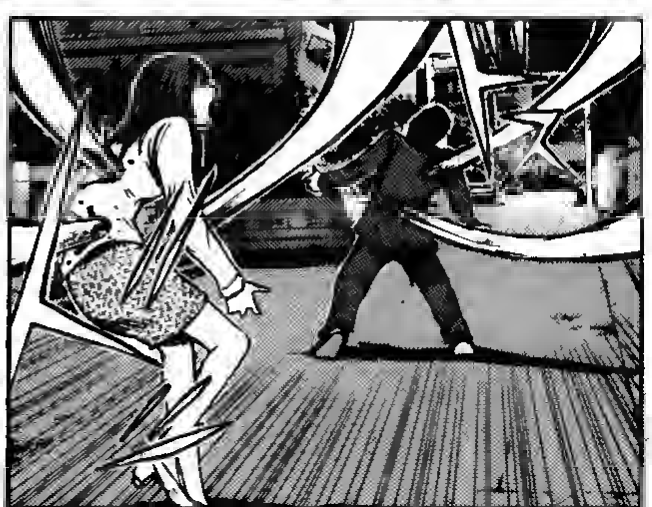
RRRIP
WE HAVE OPENED UP A NEW PATH FOR EVOLUTION.
!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND, YOU MEASLY LITTLE HUMAN?!
THIS MEAT IS INVIN-CIBLE!
BWA HA HA HA! CAN YOU DO THIS?

YOU THINK YOU CAN POSSIBLY DEFEAT...
... SUCH AN EVOLVED BODY?
A LION WITH INTEL-LIGENCE!
IF I EAT A LION, I CAN BECOME A LION!
IF YOU'RE SO SURE OF YOURSELF, LET'S SEE.
FINE.
WHAT'S ALL THIS HORSESHIT ABOUT AN EVOLVED BODY? YOU JUST ATE DEMON MEAT.
LET'S SEE WHICH HUNTER...
...IS STRONGER.

SST
I CAN ABSORB THE EXTRACTS OF ALL LIVING THINGS WITHIN A ONE-KILOMETER RADIUS.
Heh heh heh.
I SHOULD WARN YOU THAT MY ABSORBING POWER IS MUCH STRONGER THAN MURA-YAMA'S.
IGNORANT WHELP! FINE, I'LL PLAY WITH YOU.
ZWISH

!!

Woof woof!
Eeek!
Aaagh!
Pro-fessor, what are you...?
I HAVE THE ABILITY TO INFINITELY INCREASE...
BWA HA HA HA! YES! I CAN FEEL THE POWER ALREADY!!



...MY CELLS, HEARTS AND EVEN BRAINS!
!
HEH HEH HEH... HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY WIN AGAINST ME...

...WHEN I CAN CHANGE MY BODY...
...TO WHATEVER SHAPE I LIKE?

!!
NO WAY...
BWA HA HA HA!
!
THIS IS THE FUTURE OF ALL HUMANKIND!
URGH ...

WHIP
?
CRACK
YOU'RE JUST A BOY! YOU CAN'T KILL ME WITH YOUR MEASLY POWERS!
!
I SUP-POSE WE SHOULD FINISH THIS.
HA HA HA! WHAT'S WRONG? I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO KILL ME?
ITTO-KUN!!
DRIP
AAAGH!

WE DON'T NEED TWO SUPERIOR GENES, AFTER ALL.
!?
THUNK
BWA HA HA HA HA!
WE DON'T NEED ANYONE ELSE BUT ME!
CHOMP

?
STOMP
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THAT FREAKED OUT. IT'S ONLY YOUR ARM.
TWITCH
H-H-HOW?!
AAAAGH! MY ARM?!

EVEN IF I CUT IT OFF, YOU CAN GROW IT BACK, RIGHT?
ISN'T THAT ONE OF YOUR ABILITIES?
?!
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO EAT MORE TO KILL ME.
THERE'S STILL A LOT OF ME.
WHAT?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING BEHIND ME?! I JUST ATE YOU...
YEAH, YOU DID EAT ME.

?
...THAT GIRL BE...?
COULD...
OH!
NO! THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE...!
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY ARE THERE SO MANY OF YOU?!

I WON-DER...
...IF YOU CAN TELL WHICH ONE'S THE REAL ME.
SMART MAN! MAYU CAN INSERT IMAGES INTO PEOPLE'S MINDS AS LONG AS THEY'RE WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE.
SO RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE LOOKING AT A DREAM THAT MAYU CREATED.
YOU...
...FOOLISH BRAT!!
?!
...THAT I WOULD FALL FOR SUCH A CHEAP TRICK?!
Y-Y-YOU THINK...
!
A DREAM, YOU SAY?!

TOO BAD.
♡
THE REAL ME IS OVER HERE.

RAAAG!!
RARH!!

SORRY...
...BUT IT'S TIME TO END THIS.

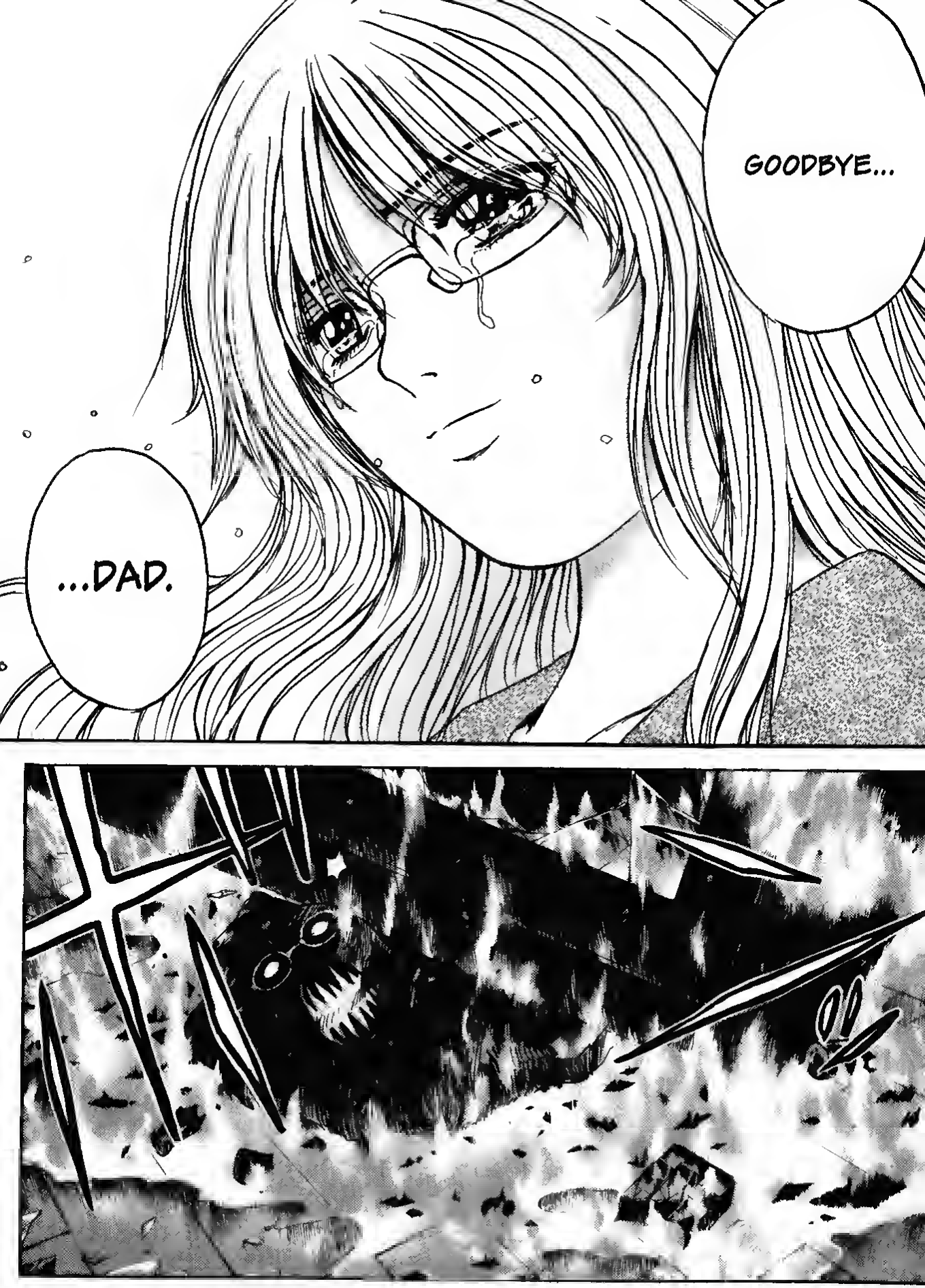
IT'S TIME TO RID THE WORLD...

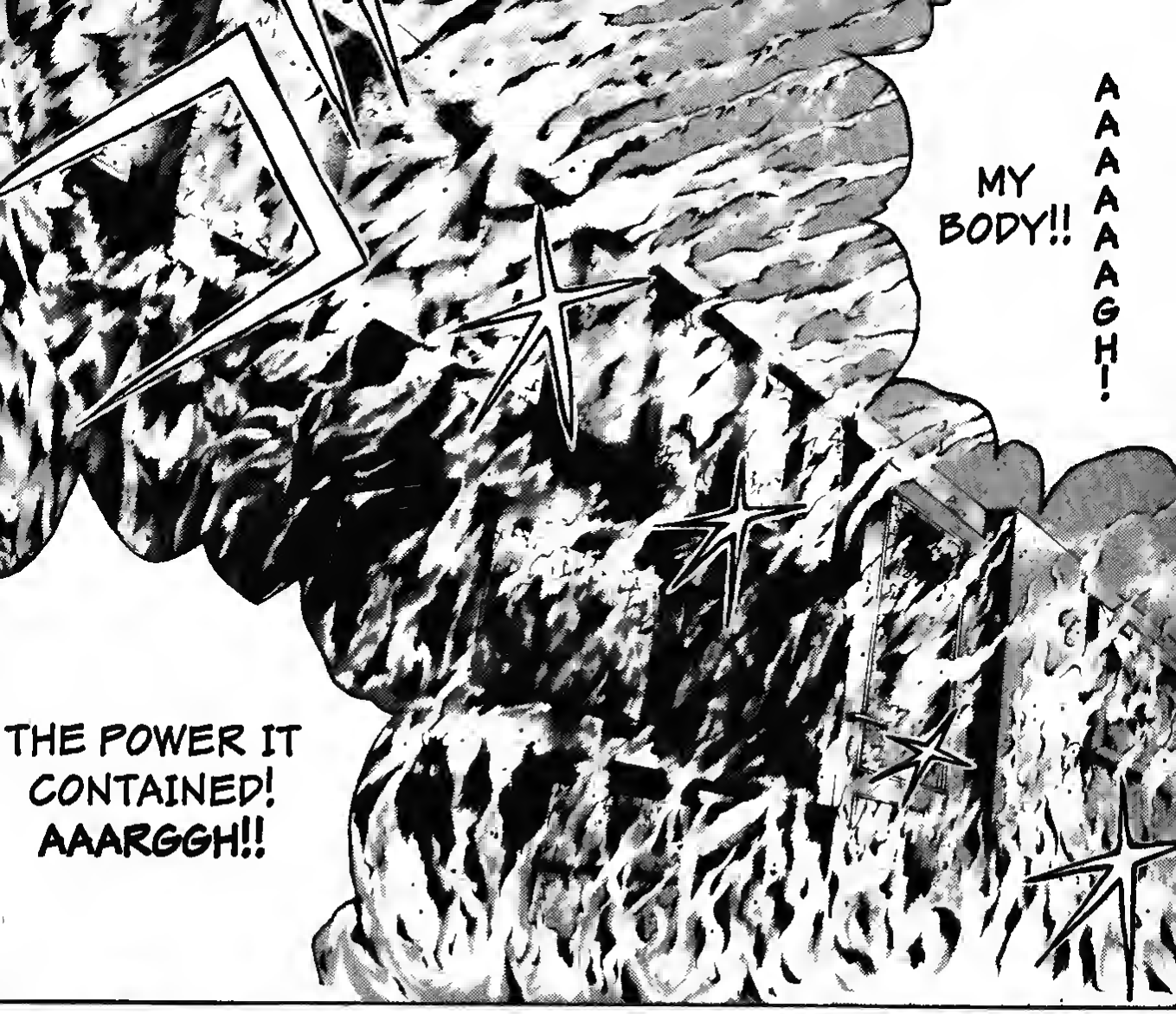
...OF YOUR FREAKISHLY EVOLVED BODY.

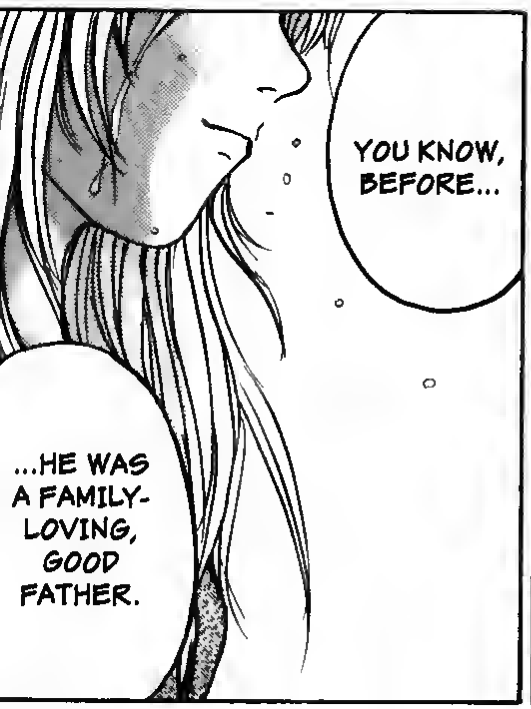
DAMMIT! HOW DARE YOU DESECRATE ...
...MY EVOLVED BODY...
AAAAAAGH!!
AAAAAAGH!
WATCH ME. I'LL REVIVE SOON ENOUGH...
..AND KILL YOU ALL!
!!
!!

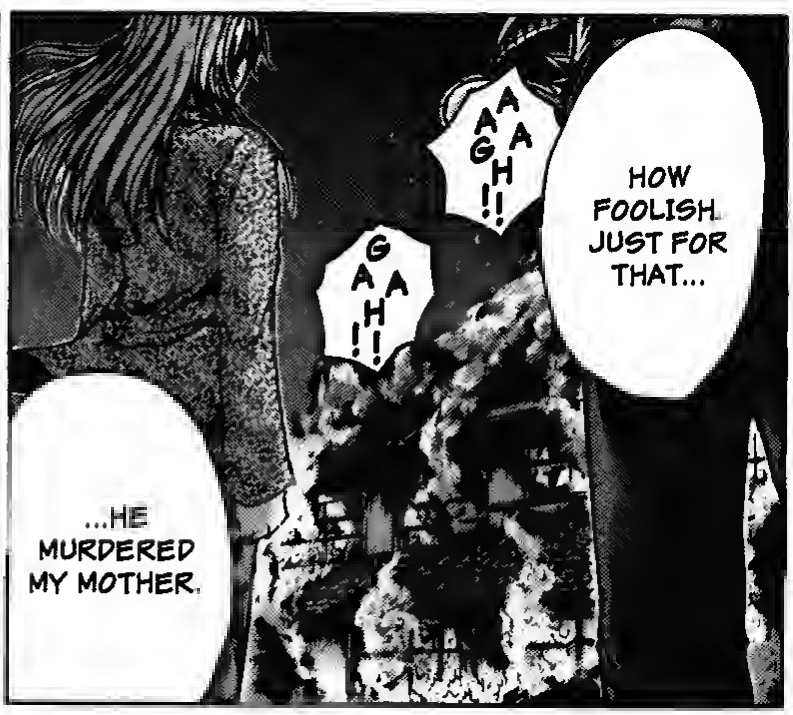
!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? IF I DON'T HURRY, THIS EVOLVED BODY WON'T--
THAT IS NOT AN EVOLVED BODY!!
DRIP DRIP
YUKINO?! WHAT ARE YOU...?
STOP HURTING PEOPLE.
!
YOU BECAME A MONSTER.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? IF YOU DO THAT, I'LL--
DAD, YOU'RE WRONG.
REAL EVOLUTION HAPPENS SO THAT MANKIND CAN SURVIVE-- NOT DOMINATE.


GOODBYE...
...DAD.

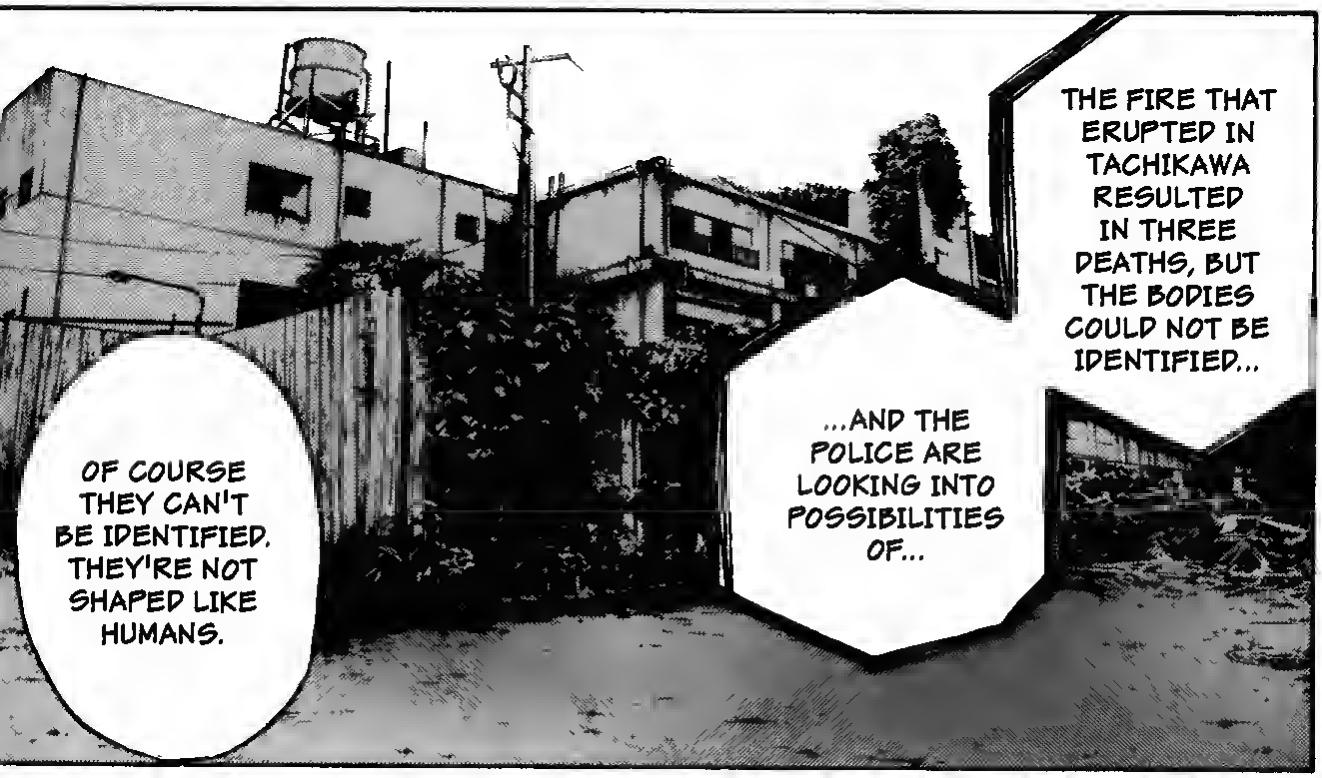

AAAAAAGH!
MY BODY!!
THE POWER IT CONTAINED!
AAARGGH!!


YOU KNOW, BEFORE...
...HE WAS A FAMILY-LOVING, GOOD FATHER.


HOW FOOLISH. JUST FOR THAT...
AAGH!!
GAH!!
...HE MURDERED MY MOTHER.

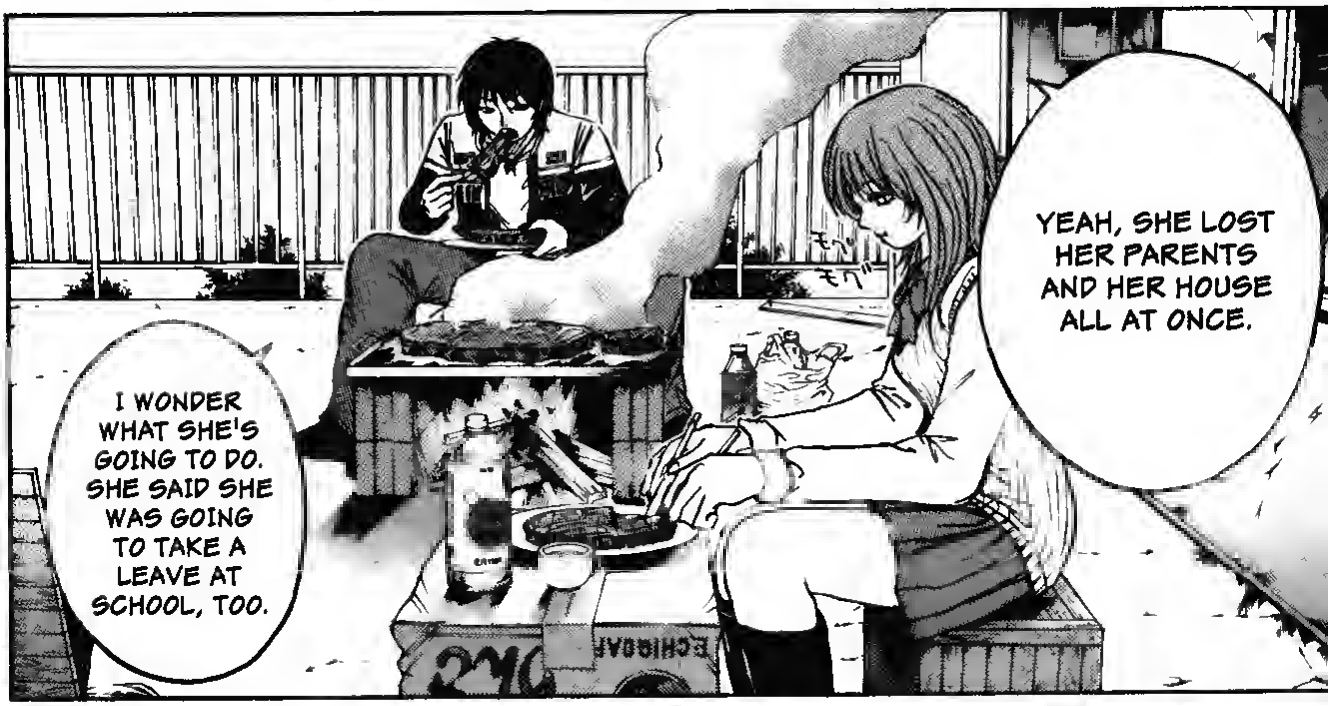
YUKINO-
SAN...

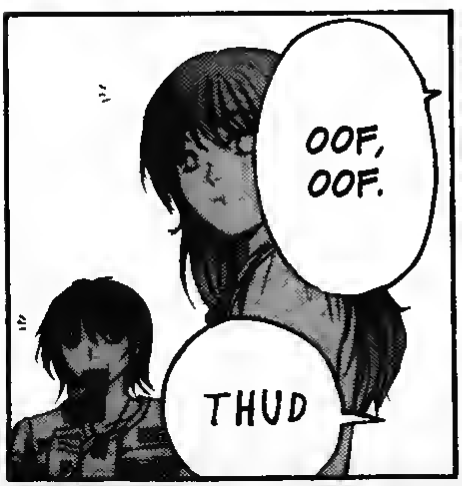
RDDDAR
WOO
WOO
WOOO

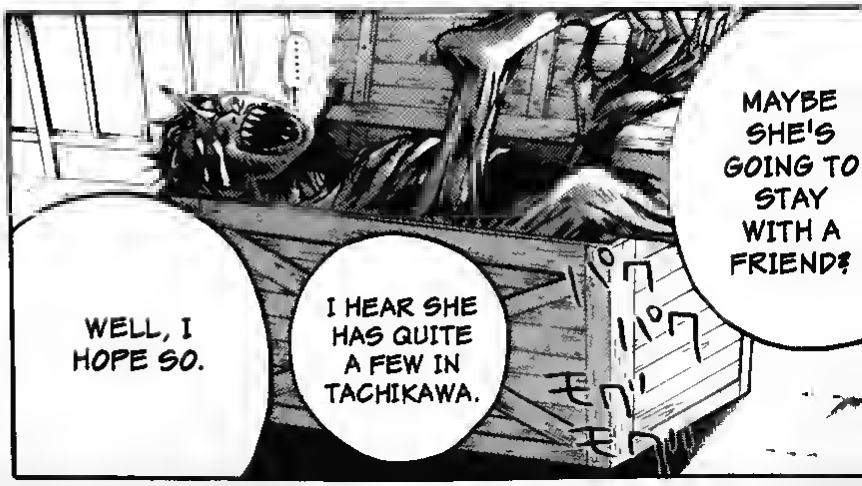

THE FIRE THAT ERUPTED IN TACHIKAWA RESULTED IN THREE DEATHS, BUT THE BODIES COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED...
...AND THE POLICE ARE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITIES OF...
OF COURSE THEY CAN'T BE IDENTIFIED. THEY'RE NOT SHAPED LIKE HUMANS.

BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT YUKINO-SAN.
MUNCH

I HEAR THERE'S A DIVISION IN THE POLICE JUST FOR PHANTOMS.
I'M SURE THAT PUBLIC SAFETY WILL GET ON IT.


I WONDER WHAT SHE'S GOING TO DO. SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO TAKE A LEAVE AT SCHOOL, TOO.
YEAH, SHE LOST HER PARENTS AND HER HOUSE ALL AT ONCE.


OOF, OOF.
THUD


WELL, I HOPE SO.
I HEAR SHE HAS QUITE A FEW IN TACHIKAWA.
MAYBE SHE'S GOING TO STAY WITH A FRIEND?

PHEW, THAT WAS TIRING.
WHAT'S WITH ALL THAT STUFF?
ガラ ガラ
WHAT ELSE? I'M MOVING IN.
OH, HEY, YUKINO-SAN. WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT YOU.
I'M GOING TO LIVE HERE.
HUH? LIVE HERE?
I HAVE NO CHOICE. MY HOUSE BURNED DOWN, AND I CAN'T VERY WELL LEAVE TWO KIDS ALL ON THEIR OWN.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT SOMETHING LIKE WHAT HAPPENED ...
...TO MY DAD DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.
...THE DEMON HAND, AS WELL AS YOUR BODIES.
AND I WANT TO RE-SEARCH...
.....
YUKINO-SAN...
.....
HMM?
SO ANYWAY, I'M LIVING HERE STARTING TODAY.
ALTHOUGH HONESTLY, I'M LONELY, TOO.

EPISODE:3 THE END

IT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO.
WHEN MAYU AND I COULDN'T TRUST ANYONE...

EXTRA EPISODE
LIKE A PARENTAL GUIDANCE

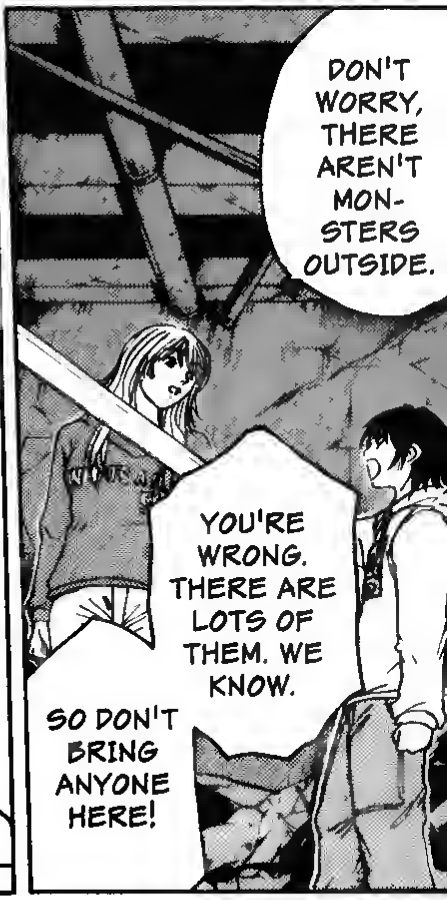
WOO WOO
THE MASSACRE THAT KILLED 185 RESIDENTS HERE IN MACHIDA HAS STILL NOT BEEN SOLVED.
SOME INVESTIGATORS HAVE SPECULATED THAT THE ATTACK WAS THE WORK OF ANIMALS...
...WHILE OTHERS BELIEVE IT WAS CAUSED BY A MILITARY WEAPON THAT HAD BEEN BURIED AND THEN UNEARTHED IN THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE.
IS ANYONE ALIVE?!
IF SO, PLEASE CALL OUT TO US.
...AS WELL AS ANY SURVIVORS THAT MAY STILL BE BURIED.
THE POLICE ARE NOW SEARCHING FOR THE CAUSE...
Is someone there?
Some-one?

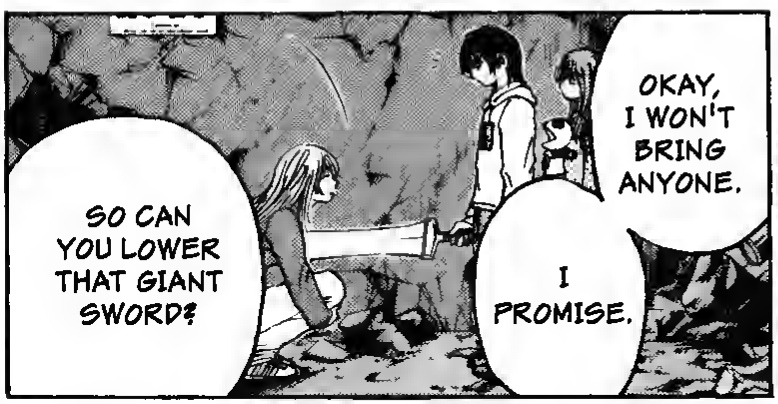
SST
HUH?
HELLO?
IS SOMEONE THERE?
CLICK

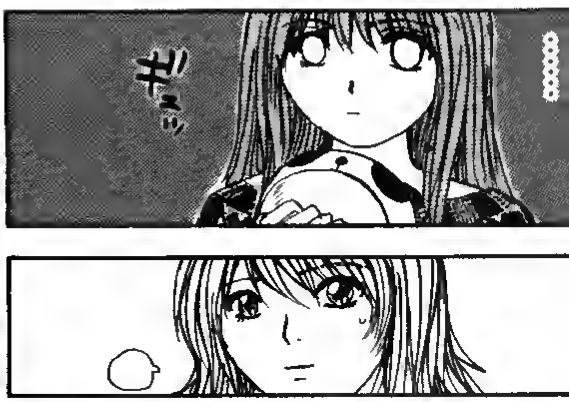
WHAT...
...IS THIS?
WHO...
...ARE YOU?

?
YOU WERE HIDING?! THANK GOODNESS! WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU!
WAIT HERE! I'LL GO CALL SOME-ONE!
SOUL
ARE YOU KIDS FROM THIS COMPLEX?
NO!!
ニヤッキ
R.I.P. mom
R.I.P. dAd
...
THEY?
THE MON-STERS!
WHY NOT?
DON'T CALL ANYONE.
THEY MIGHT BE TRANS-FORMED!
THE MONSTERS THAT ATE ALL THE PEOPLE HERE!

I CAN'T TRUST ANYONE OUTSIDE.


DON'T WORRY, THERE AREN'T MON-STERS OUTSIDE.
YOU'RE WRONG. THERE ARE LOTS OF THEM. WE KNOW.
SO DON'T BRING ANYONE HERE!


OKAY, I WON'T BRING ANYONE.
I PROMISE.
SO CAN YOU LOWER THAT GIANT SWORD?

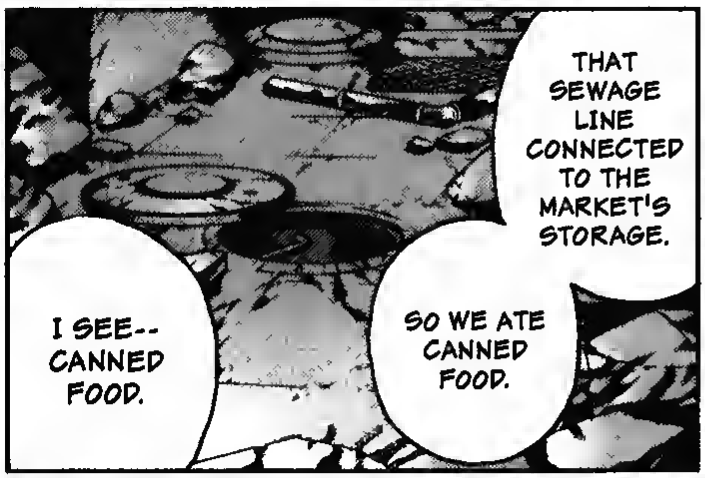


Hee hee!

YOU DON'T THINK...
... THAT I'M A MONSTER, TOO, DO YOU?

I REALLY LIKE IT.
SO TAKE CARE OF IT.
I WAS SUPPOSED TO GIVE IT TO THE PERSON I LIKED...
HERE YOU GO.
AS PROOF OF OUR FRIEND-SHIP.
CAN YOU TRUST ME NOW?
コッソリ
...BUT HE DIED IN AN ACCIDENT.
.....
I'M ITTO...
...AND THIS IS MAYU.
SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO BRING THE MOOD DOWN.
MY NAME IS MIHO YOSHIDA.
I'M STUDYING TO BE A NURSERY TEACHER. HOW ABOUT YOU?

OKAY, ITTO-KUN AND MAYU-CHAN.
I'M SURPRISED YOU WERE ABLE TO FIND THIS PLACE.
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN EATING FOR FOOD?

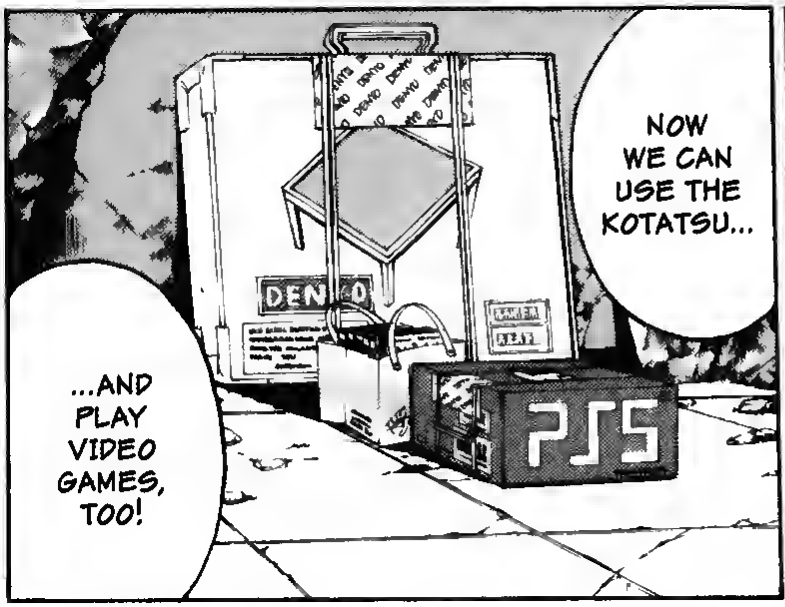

THAT SEWAGE LINE CONNECTED TO THE MARKET'S STORAGE.
SO WE ATE CANNED FOOD.
I SEE-- CANNED FOOD.

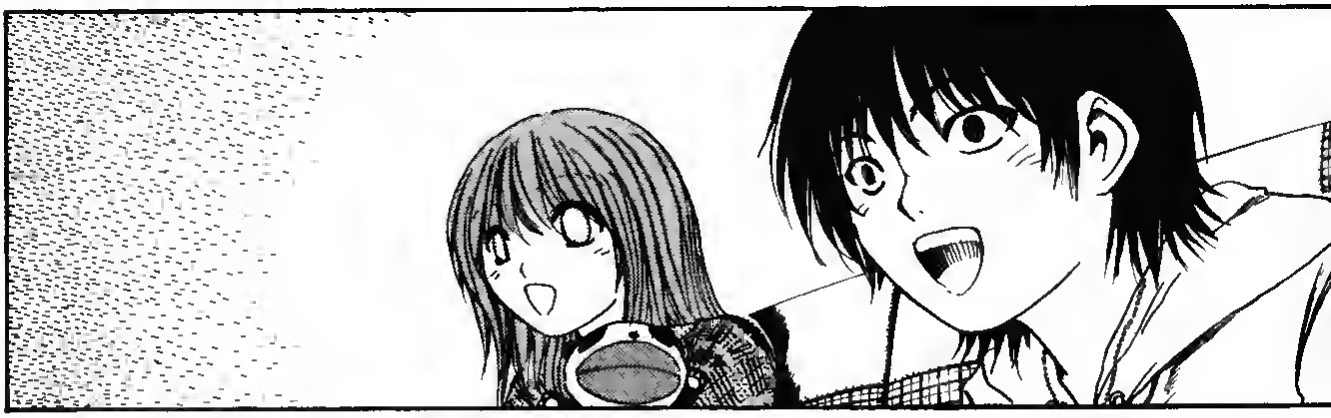
OKAY THEN! LET'S GO.
HUH?

CLANG
I THINK THE MARKET WAS EVACUATED, SO NO ONE SHOULD BE THERE.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
WE'RE GOING TO SNEAK INTO THE KITCHEN.

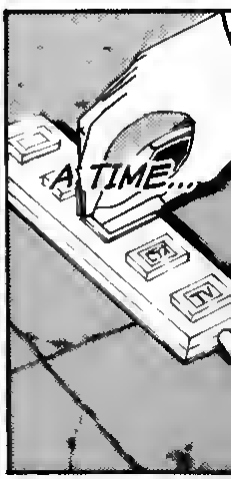
SO YOU'VE BEEN EATING COLD FOOD FOR A LONG TIME.

LET'S GO!
WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING THERE?
.....
DON'T YOU WANT SOME HOT FOOD FOR A CHANGE?
IT WAS AN UNUSUAL BEGINNING TO AN UNUSUAL FRIENDSHIP.
DO WE GO TO THE LEFT?
LEFT LEADS TOWARDS THE POLICE.
GO TO THE RIGHT!
ONE DAY...
MIHO WAS RESOURCEFUL.
CLANG
OOF, OOF!
...ALL THE WHILE STAYING HIDDEN FROM THE VOLUNTEERS AND POLICE.
MIHO WOULD SNEAK US FOOD, CLOTHING, EVEN TOYS...





IT WAS LIKE THE OLD TIMES WERE BACK.



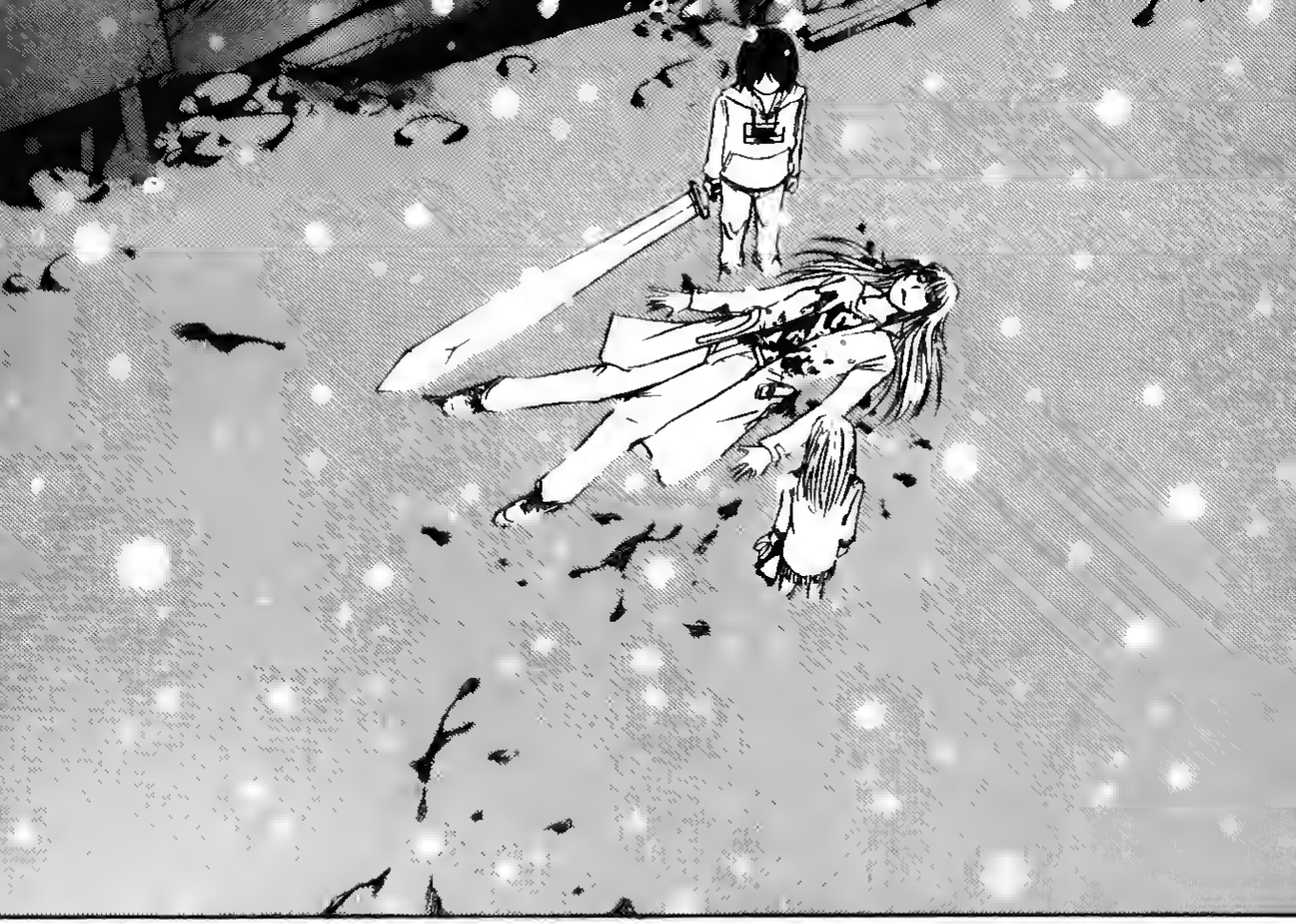
HEY, I FOUND A JOB.
JOB?
YEAH, I'M GOING TO WORK AT AN ORPHANAGE.
...WHAT WARMTH WAS.

WHEN WE KNEW...

I'M GOING TO BE...
... SOMETHING LIKE A MOTHER THERE.
AN ORPHAN-AGE?
IT'S A PLACE WHERE THEY TAKE CARE OF KIDS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR PARENTS.
WOULD YOU GUYS...
...LIKE TO COME, TOO?
THE MONSTERS WON'T COME TO THE ORPHAN-AGE.
YOU COULD MAKE LOTS OF FRIENDS.

AND I COULD STAY...
...WITH YOU GUYS FOREVER.
WELL...
...IF YOU'LL STAY WITH US.
IT'S A PROMISE.
SQUEEZE
I'LL COME PICK YOU UP TOMORROW, SO BE READY.
YOU CAN'T GO OUT NOW. THE MONSTERS--
IT'S OKAY! THEY WON'T BE--

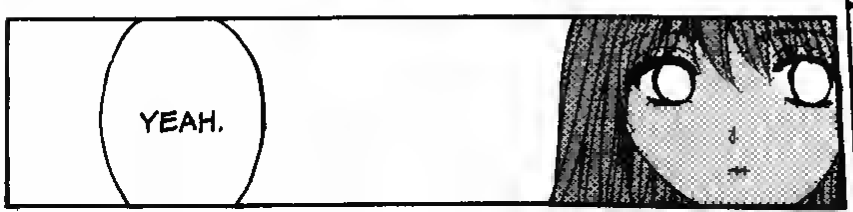
WOW, THEY REALLY EXISTED.
THOSE MON-STERS OF YOURS.
...I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE.
BUT...
I'M SORRY. YOU WARNED ME.
ADULTS HAVE A HARD TIME BELIEVING WHAT THEY CAN'T SEE.
I DIDN'T LOSE...
Orphanage
...SOMEONE IMPOR-TANT...
...THIS TIME.



THAT WE'D NEVER RELY ON SOMEONE AGAIN...
THAT WAS WHEN WE RENEWED OUR PROMISE.

LET'S GO.

...AND MOST IMPOR-TANT, NEVER LOVE ANYONE.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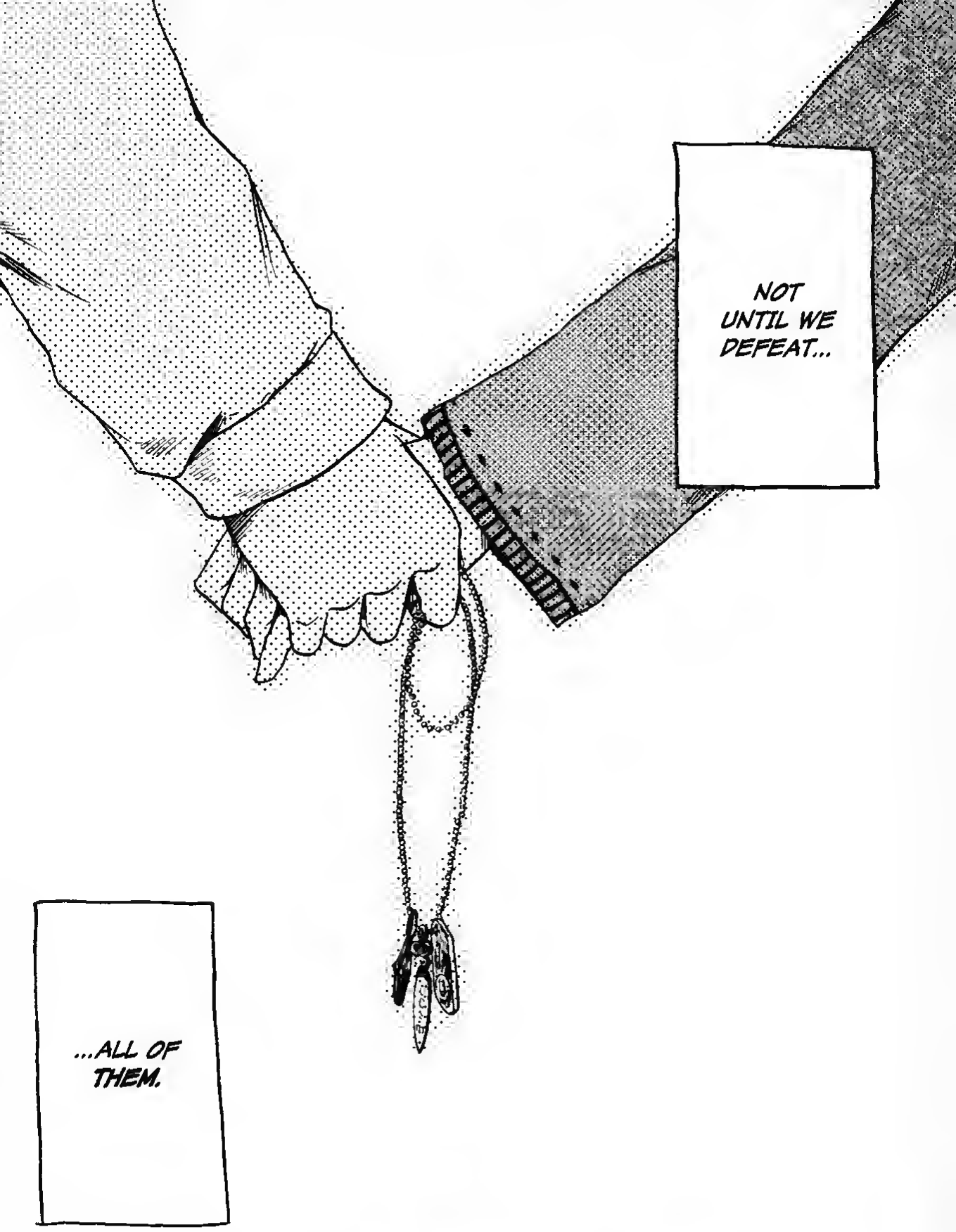

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